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Cairo, California.

February 3, 1961

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Dear Mr. Hoover.

My husband & I have recently become acquainted with the John Birch Society, and as a result are seriously considering membership. The main problem is that we have heard from outside sources that this society has a Fascist element running through it, which though the Communists abhor Fascism, does not seem to me to be the answer, all this however might be a bunch of Communist inspired gossip, & so would like to have your opinion on this matter.

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I hope I have made myself understood, will wait for your answer.

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Sincerely,

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February 10, 1961

EX 101

Mrs. [redacted]

Encino, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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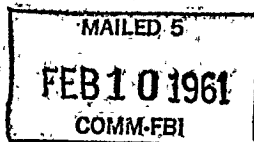
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Your letter was received on February 6,
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functions and responsibilities of this Bureau do not extend to
furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the
character or integrity of any organization, publication or
individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you
will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we
do not have information relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material
available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject
of communism.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

What You can do to fight Communism
17th National Convention, CP, USA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Red Goals and Christian Ideals
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: Correspondent's name could not be verified by telephone directory check. There are, however, families named [redacted] in Encino, California, and no families listed under spelling of [redacted] No record Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

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Sincerely.

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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January 30, 1961
Amarillo, Texas

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Recently, the activities of the "John Birch Society" were called to my attention and my husband and I are seriously considering putting our support behind this organization. For a number of years we have been concerned about the growing threat of communism not only to our country, but to us, personally. We hope this is the group wherein we may best do our part, so to speak, but in these times of not knowing where one's faith may best be put, we would sincerely appreciate any information available on this society and on Robert Welch, Jr.

Very sincerely

Amarillo, Texas

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February 10, 1961

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[Redacted Address]

Amarillo, Texas

Dear [Redacted Name]

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I have received your letter of January 30, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance regarding the matter you mentioned, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I am enclosing several items setting forth my views on communism which you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,

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- Enclosures (9)
- What You Can Do To Fight communism
 - Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
 - Director's Speech of 10-18-60
 - God and Country or Communism?
 - How To Fight Communism
 - Communist Target--Youth
 - Expose of Soviet Espionage
 - 3-60 LEB Intro 7 17th Nat'l Convention, CP USA
 - One Nation's Response to Communism

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding
Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writing.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 2/6/61

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 1/27/61 Miss [redacted] N.W., Childress, Texas, advised by letter that there was a possibility that a branch of the John Birch Society would be started in Childress, Texas.

Previous communication from Mr. [redacted] Pampa, Texas, indicated that a chapter of this organization may be operating in Pampa, Texas, inasmuch as he made inquiry as to the make-up of this organization.

The aforementioned is being submitted for information purposes.

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Mrs. [redacted]

aka, [redacted]

Road

New Canaan, Connecticut

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of January 29, 1961, has been received. The interest of you and your husband in combating communism is a source of encouragement to me, and I am pleased that "Masters of Deceit" has been of some assistance to you.

While I would like to be of service to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer either we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (6)

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Director's speech of 10-18-60
One Nation's Response to Communism
Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. She is the wife of [REDACTED] a former Bureau Agent who EOD on [REDACTED] resigned [REDACTED] services satisfactory. We have had no prior correspondence with her. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly/anti-communist organization with branches in many parts of the country. Welch was quite critical of former President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be reported to the Bureau.

January 29, 1964

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Mr. In.
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NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director F.B.I.
Justice Department
Washington, D.C.

John Birch Society

Dear Sir.

For the past year I have been
terribly concerned about the growing
communist threat to our country. I
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frustration knowing that I
wanted to do something to stem
this tide, & yet not knowing
where to begin.
A few weeks ago we heard
of a society called "The John Birch
Society" which is an organization of

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dedicated to push back this
communist trend in American
life. The founder of the group is
Robert Kelsh, a former V.P. of the
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up his job & devotes all his time
to speech making & work in
the organization. My husband &
I are firmly convinced of the
sincerity of this group. However,
after reading your book "Master's
of Deceit" I feel that I would
like a little reassurance, if
possible, that this group is
exactly what it claims to be.
This, Robert Kelsh also is the editor

NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

of a monthly magazine called
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such as we feel "The John Birch
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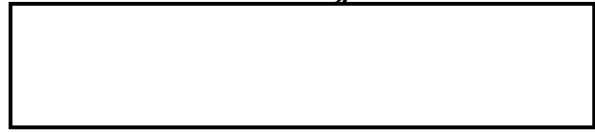
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& devious ways of our enemies.
hope that many Americans will
read it & wake up before it is
too late

Thank you
Sincerely



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January 29, 1961

[REDACTED]
NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

J. Edgar Hoover
Director F.B.I.
Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

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I am writing to you, sir, because I feel that you would know if this group is what we are after. Any information that you could give us on this society pro or con would be greatly appreciated.

I thought your book was excellent & it certainly enlightened me on the dedication, threat, & devious ways of our enemies. I hope that many Americans will read it & wake up before it is too late

Thank you
Sincerely

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/9/61

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-13660)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., OKAUCHEE, WISCONSIN
SM - MISCELLANEOUS

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informant

By communication dated December 29, 1960, a [redacted] Oconomowoc, Wisconsin and [redacted] Okauchee, Wisconsin advised that he was invited by a friend to watch a movie in his home about Communism and the dangers of the Communist movement in the world today. He stated he attended the movie, it was informative, although it certainly painted a morbid picture about what was happening in the world today.

Mr. [redacted] stated that the John Birch Society may be a very patriotic organization but he began to wonder why the fellow in charge of these meetings does not want the people in the area to know that a "study group" is being organized.

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Mr. [redacted] was contacted on 1/23/61 by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY of the Milwaukee Office. He advised that in November, 1960, a [redacted] age 25, of Okauchee, Wisconsin, asked his permission to show a movie at [redacted] home and [redacted] agreed to this. Mr. [redacted] stated that the movie concerned Communism and the danger of the Communist movement in the world today. He said that while the movie was informative, it painted a very morbid picture of what is happening in the world today and [redacted] told him he was organizing in Okauchee a chapter of the John Birch Society.

Mr. [redacted] stated that after seeing the movie and talking to [redacted] for awhile, he told the latter that he could hold no more meetings in his home and that he wanted nothing to do with the Society. He stated that he and his wife were previously rather close friends of [redacted] and that the latter is a very prominent citizen of that community and the operator of the [redacted] and resides on [redacted] in Okauchee.

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Mr. [] stated that recently he had a conversation with [] and that he asked the latter why he did not publicize the fact that he was holding study groups for the John Birch Society in that area and [] told him that he wanted no publicity whatsoever.

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Mr. [] stated that he did not know the names of the other members of the chapter in Okauchee but that he understood that there were around ten or twelve people belonging.

The above is for the information of the Bureau. No active investigation of the Okauchee Chapter of instant organization is being conducted.

February 10, 1961

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Mrs. [redacted]

aka. [redacted]

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Amarillo, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter was received on February 6, 1961, and I share your concern over the growing menace of communism. Enclosed is material available for general distribution by the FBI on this subject.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to be of aid and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the group you named.

Your kind message regarding the work being done by the FBI is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Enclosures (8) *eh*
- What You Can Do To Fight Communism
 - How To Beat Communism
 - Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA
 - Director's Speech 10-18-60
 - Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
 - One Nation's Response to Communism
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 - Communist Target--Youth
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Letter to Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Amarillo, Texas
February 1, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: The John Birch Society
organization

It is with fearful apprehension over the communist conspiracy hanging so ominously over our country that I address this inquiry to you and to your great agency. This inquiry concerns the John Birch organization whose professed endeavor is to rid the United States of communism, and this organization is being favorably received by some of the town's leading citizens.

Last night, I attended a filmed two-hour lecture by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Editor of American Opinion, who spoke for the John Birch club, and whose alarming expose of communist infiltration into the heart of our federal government and whose explicit accusations against such Americans as James Roosevelt, Christain Herter, and Walter Reuther in furthering the communist menace either directly or indirectly shook me out of my habitual American complacency. At the conclusion of the meeting, your book Masters of Deceit was on display for sale, which I might add, I bought and am now busily engaged in reading.

I would like to do something to aid my country at this fateful time, but, due to other clubs I have heard about that were later proven to be communist infested, I hesitate to join without first investigating. Has this organization been checked for its communistic content by the FBI, and if so, please give me your recommendation.

Thank you wholeheartedly for your life's work devoted to the welfare of our country.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Amarillo, Texas

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Signal Mountain, Tennessee

Dear Mr. 

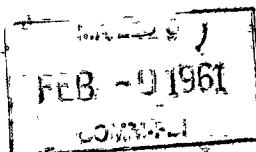
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DATE 3/27/86 BY SP-1000

Your letter was received on February 2, 1961, and I am pleased that your wife and you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," timely. Enclosed are publications available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (5)
How to Beat Communism
Director's Speech 10-18-60
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[Redacted]
Signal Mountain, Tennessee
January 31, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

My wife and I, for sometime, have been concerned about the effects of communism at work in this country which was so vividly called to our attention in your book "Masters of Deceit".

We have been contacted by some friends in our community and asked to join with them in a organization named "The John Birch Society". We would appreciate your advising us, at your earliest opportunity, if, in your opinion, this organization is effective in their efforts to combat communism.

Sincerely, yours,

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January 24, 1961

Mrs. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Shreveport, Louisiana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

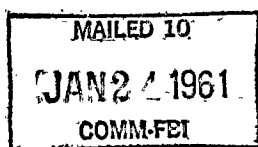
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DATE 3/22/86 BY [redacted]

Your letter was received on January 16, 1961,
and your interest in writing is indeed appreciated.

The articles you mentioned are available in
quantity free of charge. Several of these articles are being
reprinted; however, copies will be forwarded to you as
soon as they are available. I am forwarding currently,
under separate cover, 200 copies each of "Communism:
The Bitter Enemy of Religion" and my statements which
recently appeared in "Christianity Today."

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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200 copies each of "Communism - The Bitter Enemy of Religion"
200 copies each of "Christianity Today." series

NOTE: Full name per prior correspondence. Mrs. [redacted] wrote inquir-
ing about the John Birch Society and was given the usual reply regarding it.
She later wrote that she had joined the Society and wrote to the Director
congratulating him on his article "Communist Target--Youth." This letter
was cordially acknowledged and she was sent communism reprints.

Material being sent later is: Communist Target-Youth, Communist Illusion and
Democratic Reality and 17th National Convention CP, USA & Introduction
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[Redacted]
Shreveport, La.
January 12, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I belong to a study group that is dedicated to the preservation of constitutional government. The other night we showed the film entitled "Operation Abolition." As a suggestion for further action, it was mentioned that every effort should be made on our part to show this film in the junior high schools and ^{senior} high schools. Than I mentioned that it would be ever so much more effective if in addition to showing the film we could distribute to the students a copy of your report entitled "Communist Target Youth."

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I have written you several times before and have received copies of other pieces of literature that have been most helpful, i.e., Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality, Communism - The Bitter Enemy of Religion, An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A. in addition to Communist Target Youth. I am now asking if these publications are available in quantities, and if so what is the price? There is another report of yours that we need entitled "Pulpits Primary Targets."

If there are any additional reports that you think might be helpful, please advise. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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CORRESPONDENCE
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February 13, 1961

EX-113

[Redacted]

Niles 48, Illinois

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

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DATE 3/20/86 BY SP-6/mae

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I have received your letter of February 4, 1961, containing your most generous comments regarding my book, "Masters of Deceit," and want you to know that I very much appreciate your remarks.

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I am sending you several items, under separate cover, which set forth my views on communism and which I thought you might like to have.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

J. Edgar Hoover

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USC Material: One Nation's Response to Communism
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Recently I read "Masters of Deceit." I found it very interesting and informative.

I think it should be required reading for all Americans, particularly high school and college students.

I have heard a great deal about the ^φJohn Birch Society.

As I respect your opinion very highly, I would appreciate it if you would let me know your opinion concerning Mr. Welch and the John Birch Society.

Yours truly,

Mrs.

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SAC, Springfield (100-0)

February 20, 1961

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurlet 2-10-61.

The John Birch Society has not been investigated by the Bureau nor has any information come to the Bureau's attention indicating that the activities of this Society warrant an investigation by the Bureau at this time.

Regarding background information concerning the Society and its founder Robert H. Welch, Jr., your attention is directed to SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated 3-10-59 and 60-5 (C) dated 1-26-60. You should make certain that the information contained in the two afore-mentioned SAC Letters are properly indexed into the indices of your office.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2-10-61

FROM : *mg* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-0)SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
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mg [redacted] an Attorney at Peoria, Illinois, has advised that he has heard that an organization named the John Birch Society, Inc. is about to be organized in Peoria and he believes that it is a radical rightist group with headquarters in New York City.

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mg It is requested that information be furnished to this office, if available, concerning this organization to indicate whether or not it is an organization which might affect the security of the country. [redacted] has furnished no specific information. Springfield indices negative.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 2-13-61

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (62-
90)SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)
Wm

Re SAC Letter 59-13 (F), dated March 10, 1959;
SAC Letter 60-5 (C), dated January 26, 1960, and mylet
to Bureau, February 10, 1961, entitled, "JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY,
INC. SM - C".

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On February 10, 1961, Mr. [redacted] Electrical
Contractor and self-styled anti-Communist, who resides at [redacted]
[redacted] Champaign, Illinois, advised SA [redacted]
[redacted] as follows:

He met WELCH in Chicago, Illinois, at the Senator
BARRY GOLDWATER Rally during the summer of 1960. WELCH, who
is an ardent supporter of GOLDWATER, helped finance the
rally and was one of the speakers. During the fall of 1960,
[redacted] received a personal letter from WELCH inviting him to
attend a two-day seminar in Chicago to discuss the John Birch
Society. [redacted] however, did not attend and has refused to
join the Society. He described WELCH as a very intelligent
and dedicated anti-Communist but an extremist in his views
and public statements.

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[redacted] advised that the John Birch Society is active
in the Champaign-Urbana area at present as a result of a
national campaign during the course of which paid organizers
have been hired. He identified the leading figures locally
as [redacted] at the
University of Illinois, his wife, [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] a local attorney in Urbana, Illinois. [redacted] said
that [redacted] told him recently that he was devoting himself
full time to promoting the Society locally and that he intended
to see to it that it became a highly disciplined organization.

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[] related that the Society is never mentioned publicly by name and that most of the activities of the organization as such appear to be carried on in secret. He pointed out that [] his wife, and [] like WELCH, are extremists and for this reason he has severed relations with them. [] alleged that anti-Communist literature distributed by this group, particularly the [] is not factual and filled with their personal opinions on the dangers of Communism. He related, however, that the [] and [] are attracting a big following of prominent people from the "country club set", DAR, and Catholic circles.

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Additional information coming to the attention of this office will be promptly furnished the Bureau. Pursuant to Bureau instructions, no investigation will be conducted.

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Post Office Box
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of February 4, with enclosures, and appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

Although I would like to be of service to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the individuals and organizations named in your letter.

I have always felt the House Committee on Un-American Activities makes a contribution in its public disclosure of the forces that menace America. The American communists have naturally directed their venom at the Committee's efforts in behalf of this Nation. The FBI has, of course, also drawn vehement attacks from this source. The work that the Committee has performed, and is performing, serves as a guide for sincere groups dedicated to the exposure of communist activities.

I can assure you that my associates and I will continue to devote all our energies to meeting our responsibilities connected with the internal security of the United States and will cooperate within our authority with all other Federal agencies having responsibilities in this area.

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Mr. [REDACTED]

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material regarding the threat of communism which you may find of value.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Bufiles show [REDACTED] called the San Francisco Office on 5-15-60 to protest brutality in the San Francisco demonstrations and asked that the FBI conduct investigation.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has bitterly attacked former President Eisenhower's administration in the past in connection with his writings.

Correspondent forwarded an editorial from the Santa Barbara News-Press in which members of the John Birch Society were criticized for their current letter-writing activity aimed at the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren. "Letters to the Editor" of the same newspaper which the correspondent forwarded contained criticism of the John Birch Society and Robert Welch for their attacks on former President Eisenhower and the Supreme Court and described the organization as fascist,

Enclosures to letter from Mr.
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

About two weeks ago Santa Barbara News Press published a comprehensive article on John Birch Society and its spokesman, Mr. Welch. At the same time, the Adult Education is sponsoring a series of ten lectures on communism by Dr. Peter Merken, who teaches Political Science at the college in Santa Barbara.

All this started a commotion here and especially after Mr. Welch speech at a meeting which drew 1200 people who paid \$1.00 each for admission. The debate between Mr. Welch and Mr. Taft on T.V. added some more fuel to the controversy and a number of people wrote letters to the editor pro and contra Mr. Welch and John Birch Society. I am enclosing a few clippings as an illustration.

I am very much interested to know, and your early reply will be greatly appreciated, regarding this society, Mr. Welch, teaching about communism..

With your permission, may I ask these questions:

1. Is John Birch a subversive and an unamerican organization?
2. Should good, decent americans join and support it?
3. Is Mr. Welch really a good american and are his actions and speeches good for America and the people?
4. Would you call Mr. Welch a fascist?
5. Is John Birch Society a fascist organization?
6. Would you say that some undisclosed people are behind this society?
6. Is it possible that this is being stirred by communists in order to create disunity among american people? Is it not a fact that communists like to provoke disunity and trouble among people of our country?
8. Is it not possible and, perhaps, likely, that communists will create such an organization in order to be able to infiltrate into government and businesses as "good americans"?
9. Do you agree with me that F.B.I. under your leadership is fully capable and is much better qualified to combat communism in this country and, that together with C.I.A. under leadership of Mr. Allan Dulles, can do a better job without interference of other organizations?
10. And while on the subject, does The House Unamerican Activities Committee help or hinder your work and the work of C.I.A?
11. The zionists were accused here of being unamerican and pro communists. Is there any truth in this?

I want to thank you very much for whatever questions you can answer.

Very respectfully yours,

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Just a few words about myself. I came to this country by my own choice in July 1922 (for which you cannot blame me). I am jewish and has been either a member or in sympathy with the zionist movemenet and the jewish aspirations for a state, especially after Hitler's murdering of six million jews. I was born and lived in Russia until Oct.1st 1922 when our family left, or shall I say escaped from Leningrad (at that time Petrograd), where I studied law and where my father was imprisoned for being a business man.

I am one of those americans who having a little money did not put "invest" them in stocks in order not to , as I call it, sell american dollar short.

The action of The Ford Motor Company in investing over \$300,000,000.00 in England at the time when we are loosing gold so rapidly and when our Government asked Ford not to transfer so many dollars abroad, in my opinion is certainly unpatriotic , if not unamerican.

I am a man who at the age of 44¹ volunteered to serve in the army about six months after we were at war, but was turned down. I thought that you should know something about me before answering my letter.

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Remarks Not Made Audible

Editor, News-Press: The News-Press reported Thursday evening that I "apparently" was disagreeing with Dr. Merkl's remarks in his first lecture of January 11" at the last session on Communism at Recreation Center.

This is absolutely correct! I challenged Dr. Merkl on his statements made in his letter to the News-Press wherein he denied that he had said "20 to 30 per cent of the Americans are 'off their rocker' because of their extreme Nationalism." He made several other remarks at this meeting which could be challenged also.

The "loud protests" which your reporter described about my speechmaking are erroneous. The protests were from people who could not hear the remarks and questions I set forth and furthermore, Mr. Selmer Wake, Dr. Merkl's moderator, who in past meetings has shunted aside questions with "We will take them up later!", was not inclined to disclose my remarks and questions over the public address system.

I have no intention of creating a spectacle or starting a disturbance at these meetings, which can be very informative if handled right. However I do dislike to be publicly called a "misquoter" and I accused Dr. Merkl of not telling the truth. I asked him to step to the microphone and deny this but he was not inclined to do so and sat silently in his chair.

It was not in my prerogative to ask for the microphone to make myself heard. My questions were directed at Dr. Merkl and if he did not choose to answer them, that is his privilege. And if Selmer Wake did not care to repeat them to the audience, that is also his privilege. This is their "show," not mine!

Fred W. Hand

to detect it, we are unable to do anything to prevent its damage until its too late. That is what is happening to us today with Communism.

We are being influenced in our thinking so subtly that we are not even aware it is happening to us—and when we do become aware of it, it may be too late to do anything to stop Communism from killing our free way of life.

Too many of us think of Communism as a relatively harmless political group who, though they have made mistakes, truly want to live in peace and harmony—and they do—on their terms—under their rule!

Mrs. L. E. Fowler wrote (see News-Press, Jan. 25) that we are distorting the movement of Communism by showing a film "Nightmare in Red" in which just the violence of this group was depicted. Mrs. Fowler goes on to say that if we were to show a movie of the U.S. depicting just the violence of our times we would have the same distorted type of impression. Mrs. Fowler has failed to see that the brutalities presented by this picture of Russia were committed under the direction of one group—the Communists—while the various brutalities that she spoke of in America were committed by various groups (KKK, gangsters, bigots, mobs, etc.). Certainly not under the direction of Democracy. If one truly wants to get an accurate appraisal of Communism then he must be informed of the vicious tactics that Communism uses to enable them to take over the world as is their goal—and he

And Duck for The Awnings!

Editor, News-Press: Needless to say the humor exuding from recent editorials is like the ray of sunshine the coal miner sees after his sojourn through the gloom. In reference to Thursday's "Something To Ponder at Length" might I add my queries? Why are they always just out of your size in the shoe style you've chosen from the store window? And if you are over 5 feet tall your knees don't quite merge under the restaurant counter? And how about the fact that the tallest man in town invariably is seated in front of you at the theater? And what size is supposed to fit under a full-sized blanket? To top it all—even if you are lucky enough to be named "U Nu", you can't win because no coupon has ever allowed room for "Santa Barbara". No wonder I haven't won that contest yet!

Mrs. Charles Cammer
624 San Pascual

School Text Controversy

Editor, News-Press: It seems indeed interesting to note that the controversy over the "Communist inspired" books being used in our county county schools to some extent is really a matter, not of whether, according to author Root, the word "Republic" was never used, or the slant was towards a "people's de-

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Difference Between Left, Right in U.S.

Editor, News-Press: In a letter which you caption "Kinship of Reactionary Right and Radical Left" your correspondent, Vernon Nash, delineates what he regards as important similarities between leftists and rightists. Some of these similarities may be real in European politics but the scene with which we are concerned is not Europe. In the United States there is a difference between the extreme left and the extreme right so great and so obvious it would seem it could only have been ignored intentionally by a political student as discerning as Mr. Nash.

The extreme left in this country, i.e. the Communists and those who aid and abet them, conspire to overthrow the world's greatest republic, by force and violence if necessary. The extreme right fights for the preservation of our democratic form of government, also by force and violence if necessary.

The middle of the road is a good place to be in normal times and under normal conditions but the times and conditions are not normal. There is a fire on the left side of the street and the conflagration has driven thousands of concerned Americans who used to walk down the middle to the right side where their names may be read on the rolls of those organizations dedicated to preserving American Democracy.

Since the Communist Party is illegal in the United States the names of those who started the fire and now fan the flames are less well known to the reading public. The Reds like it that way.

—V. L. Klee
3030 Samarkand Dr.

It Happened To Germany

Editor, News-Press: Thank you for exposing the secretive, anti-democratic group operating in this area under the slogan of fighting Communism.

I can remember only too well the beginning of just such a group in Germany in the early 1920s. In my position as a supervisor in a hydroelectric project in Bavaria, 30 kilometers distance from Hitler's birthplace, Braunau (Austria), I had the opportunity to carry on a conversation with this charlatan, as I analysed him from the very start.

It is very striking to me, what a great similarity prevails between the methods of the Nazis and the present Birch movement. Hitler's speeches to the workers in the camp were not taken very seriously, but considered rather amusing. This was the beginning of one of the great tragic episodes of mankind. Even today I am still unable to conceive how it was possible that the decent and otherwise intelligent German people did not foresee the effect of this mass psychosis. When they finally woke up, it was too late.

—Tim Droege
1936 El Camino de la Luz

Says Critics Uninformed

Editor, News-Press: I am not a member of the John Birch Society although I am well acquainted with the So-

READERS' COMMENTS

We want them — we like them—we believe our readers like them. The editors will select letters for use on the basis of their merit on a subject of current interest. Keep them to 250 words or less, so we can print as many as possible. Sign them, please. Only letters with signatures will be printed, except in unusual circumstances. Be fair. Be factual. Disagree if you wish, but try not to be disagreeable. Write clearly, on only one side of the paper. And include your address, please.

ciety and with its intents and purposes, and I would like to state that in my opinion it is an organization any patriotic American would be proud to join. It cannot be denied that Mr. Welch's statement relative to President Eisenhower was most unfortunate as well as unwise. However, any thinking person who takes the time to look into the work of the Society will readily agree that to condemn this organization because of a statement made by an individual is little short of stupidity. One cannot help but wonder if those who have taken such a vitriolic attitude toward the John Birch Society have expended as much effort in alerting the American people to the dangers of the Communist conspiracy. This is precisely what the Society is doing, plus a good deal more, and it is doing it magnificently. To say, as one writer recently wrote, that the News-Press "performed a real service in alerting the community to its dangerous activity" is to smear a group about which this person obviously knows nothing. To what "dangerous activity" is she referring? Anyone who is sincerely concerned over this matter and who will take the time can find out just how "dangerous" these activities are by stopping in at the American Opinion Library, 132 E. Canon Perdido St. Information about the Society is available to all. Facts speak louder than words so in all fairness let's be sure that we get them.

—Ann Gilbert
1405 School House Rd.

Send Cards To Mission

Editor, News-Press: A recent letter to your paper from Mrs. Mildred Waaser asks to what useful purpose may old or discarded Christmas cards be put. To anyone with this problem, may I suggest they be sent to Rev. Peter Caironil Cherukunnu Post Office, Cannanore District, Karala State, India. This is an Indian mission with a constant struggle even to meet the ordinary expenses involved in looking after 400 untouchable orphans. The cards will be reconditioned and sold to help feed the mission's sick and hungry.

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Elderly Citizens Should Be Welcomed

Editor, News-Press: One of the important developments of this decade is the rapid growth of co-operative retirement homes for the elderly. Homes large and small are springing up in every state of the Union. They are sponsored by labor unions, lodges, professional groups, churches and others. Many of us have not given this trend much thought because we were not directly affected by it. The movement has however reached such proportions that all of us are aware of it and are anxious to know how it concerns us.

Few locations in the United States offer more natural attraction for these homes than Southern California, and in particular the Santa Barbara area. Some of these homes have already located here and without doubt many others will follow. What shall be our attitude toward these senior citizens who seek to live among us? Shall we be hostile? Neutral? Or shall we welcome and encourage these potential residents? A consideration of some known facts about these elderly citizens will, we believe, lead to the conclusion that they are much to be desired as citizens of our community. As these people live among us they contribute their fair share to the prosperity of the local merchants and many of the community services. Each citizen spends a part of his income for food clothing, drugs, entertainments.

Among the elderly are no criminals. No addition to the local police force is necessary. They do not take employment away from the older residents. They drive comparatively few cars, thus add nothing to the crowded traffic of our streets. There are no children, hence no new schools have to be built with this increase in population. Many of them are of substantial wealth and contribute their fair share of tax money.

In this group of elderly citizens are many men and women of high intelligence, specialized training and wide experience. The cultural average is high. They will add much to the better living of our community. Churches, lodges, and many other service groups will benefit by their addition to our community.

Our favored city will be wise to put forth every possible effort to encourage the sponsors of homes for the elderly to consider Santa Barbara as their location. We will indeed be fortunate if we can attract more of these very desirable citizens.

J. R. LaMont
525 Santa Angela Ln.

Like Deadly Gas Attack

Editor, News-Press: Perhaps the most pitiful way of being killed is with carbon monoxide gas. Being unable

must believe them when they say that they will do anything to reach their goal. We must be on guard at all times, lest we, and our children, be seduced into trusting the Communists and their beliefs.

It is tragic that we must live our lives in suspicion but is that not better than losing them in trust?

Barbara Sanchez
829 Marilla Ave.

Conspirators' Real Purpose

Editor, News-Press: Hearty congratulations on the great public service you have performed in showing up the Robert Welch conspiracy in its true colors. No demagogue who vilifies our Presidents, our Supreme Court Justices and our most prominent Americans is fit to lead a campaign against our Communist enemies and traitors. Especially when his stated idea of a fine government is that of the dictator Trujillo. Welch and his activists have done our community a great deal of harm. They have spread the whole gamut of Fascist doctrine with insidious Fascist techniques. They demand obedience without questions.

That this should have happened to Santa Barbara, of all places, is like something out of a bad dream — a plot from "Twilight Zone."

These conspirators talk against Communism. Their real purpose is to destroy our free American system. They have infiltrated too far. They should be cleared out of those places where they stand to win iron crosses for disseminating ideologies which have placed too many Americans under wood or stone.

Arthur Menken
1919 Tollis Ave.

Improve Our Advertising

Editor, News-Press: I hope that the editors got a chance to view California Reports on Channel 4 Sunday afternoon, as it covered the Peace Corps possibilities abroad. It also brought out, not only the disadvantages to this type of proposal, but the fact that as far as out and out advertising of this country goes, the Soviet Union spends 30 dollars to our every one, going through the USIS group. It also brought out the fact that it is shocking to see how many Americans, be they tourists or businessmen or diplomats, know so little about the basic principles and history of their own country, and the lack of sufficient education on this score. Let us hope that this lack can be improved, as recommended by the legislative proposal of the Citizens Committee on Education in this state.

Marge Swantek
3923 La Colina Rd.

LOCAL OPERATION

'Hothouse' Device Business Formed

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comes up automatically from the well in the bottom half through a wick."

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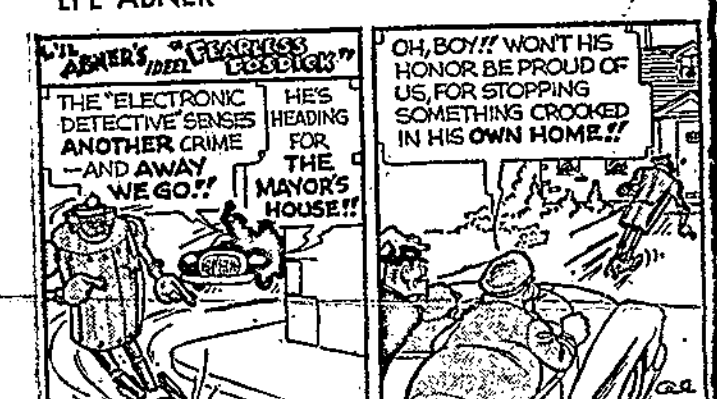
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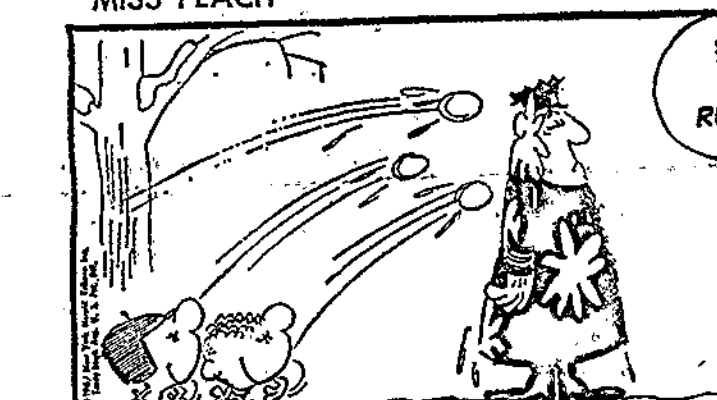
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Santa Barbara, California

Monday Evening, January 30, 1961

Recommended Reading for The John Birch Society

The Times has received a shower of letters lately demanding the impeachment of the chief justice of the United States. Many of these letters have textual clues to a common source of inspiration, a source which has a high emotional voltage but a very low charge of Constitutional information and plain common sense.

In the first place, an impeachment is not a removal of an officer of the United States; it is the voting of a formal charge against him by the House of Representatives. If such a charge is voted, the Senate, sitting as a sort of jury, hears the case against the accused officer, and votes him guilty or innocent by a simple majority. If the accused is found guilty, he is automatically removed from office.

Now, on what charge would the House hold Chief Justice Warren for trial? The Constitution lists "Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors" as impeachable offenses. Some of the letter-writers mention "treason." They should go to the Constitution and read Section 3 of Article III and learn that treason against the United States is a carefully defined crime which does not encompass the popularity or unpopularity of the opinions of the chief justice or the associate justices.

The fact is that these letter-writers think that impeachment is simply a procedure for getting rid of an official with whom they disagree.

We have not always agreed with the opinions of Chief Justice Warren's Supreme Court. It has split some very fine hairs in matters concerning the liberties of Communist conspirators. Its law has occasionally irritated the eminent doctors of the American Bar Assn. But it does not commit treason or any other high crime or even misdemeanor by disagreeing with some of us. If this were ground for impeachment and conviction we should have

Editor's note: This editorial was published Sunday in the Los Angeles Times, the greatest conservative newspaper in the West. The News-Press subscribes completely to the viewpoint expressed.

been throwing justices out of the court right and left ever since John Marshall disagreed so violently with a great many members of the legislative branch of the government, not to mention a President or two.

The letter-writers ought to know, also, that they do not change a court of nine drastically by getting rid of the chief justice. As the chief he has an unquestioned power of persuasion, but he cannot command the opinions of his eight associates, and very often does not. Chief Justice Warren has on at least one occasion been criticized for a court action in which he did not participate because he had been governor of California when the case originated in this state.

The opinion for which he has been most fanatically criticized (with cries for impeachment) is that in the school desegregation case. He arrived at it with some curious circumlocutions—or so some of the legal experts think—but the point to remember is that his eight associates concurred in it. Any one of the justices would have come to the same conclusion even if he had not followed the chief justice's route.

Do the letter-writers want to impeach the whole court or any specific majority of it for disagreeing with them?

We suggest that they suspend letter-writing for a while and apply themselves to the study of civics. And also to the tolerance of opinions that do not agree with theirs.

Raymond Moley

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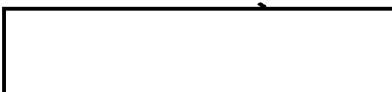
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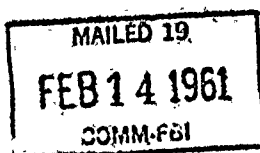
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Enclosed is material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Feb. 5, 1961.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My husband and I are members of the
John Birch Society which is under increas-
ing newspaper attacks in the Chicago area
and elsewhere.

We have found John Birch members to
be loyal, well-informed American citizens
who are sacrificing time, money --and in
some cases--their jobs, in their fight
against communists.

Your name, Mr. Hoover, is held in
respectful trust by American patriots.
That is why I must ask you if you know
of any reason why it is not in the best
interest of our beloved country to belong
to the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely yours,



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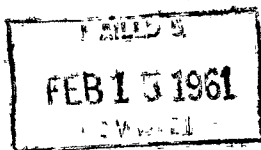
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Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C.

Attn: Office of J. Edgar Hoover

Gentlemen:

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A few nights ago, I chanced to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society. I came away not only shocked, but also disgusted at the way that we as patriotic Americans are letting our way of life and democratic government be swallowed up by this terrible disease--Communism.

After a few days of some very serious thinking, I for one believe it's time that we rise to cause and start fighting for what we think and know is right.

I would appreciate hearing any comments that the Bureau may be able to furnish me on this John Birch Society. If it is set up for the purpose it's suppose to represent and not that of some communist movement, then I want to do my part and become an active member of the organization. However, I will not make this move until I have had some word from your department on this subject.

Sincerely yours,

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February 15, 1961

Chicago 25, Illinois

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

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February 7, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I am interested in obtaining information as to the credibility of an alleged anti-communistic organization which operates under the title of "The John Birch Society". I am especially interested in knowing if, for any reason, this organization stands in disfavor in the eyes of your office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Deerfield, Illinois

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

3/26/86 J. Sprague

Your letter of February 7, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

Although I would like to be of assistance to you in connection with your inquiry, the FBI, being an investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I am unable to comment as you requested. I regret that I am unable to help you on this occasion, and hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I am enclosing some literature which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Deerfield, Illinois
February 7, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am confused and I was hoping that you might help me. A few weeks ago my husband and I saw the movie "Movement Abolition". This was the first time that we heard of the John Birch Society and we thought how wonderful to have organizations of this type to fight communism. Since that time I have read many many hearings of the House of Un-American Activities, copies of the Congressional Record put out by the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation and at least four books besides your own on communism.

But my faith has been shattered. Jack ^Vabley of the Chicago Daily News has been running articles ridiculing the John Birch Society. One of these articles I have enclosed. It was printed Monday, January 30. How can the John Birch Society be a good organization? Or is it just Mr. Welch?

Then in another publication, I believe it is called "Your Opinion" there was an article against Romulo Betancourt that said he was a communist. In the February Readers' Digest there is an article stating he is one of the worst enemies of communism.

What should we believe? Who should we believe? If you can help me I would sincerely appreciate it.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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The Wrong Way To Fight Reds

Birch Society Is Recruiting

BY JACK MABLEY

THE John Birch Society is going to Chicago area churches, chambers of commerce and civic organizations, to recruit members.

"Come, join us in the fight against Communists," members plead.

Jack Mabley's Story

Inasmuch as 99.9999 per cent of us are anti-Communist, they obviously have something to sell. But the conscientious citizens asks, "Is this the best way to fight communism? What is the John Birch Society?"

Since I am asked this often, because I wrote two columns about it last July, I will tell what I know about the society.

Group Founded In Indianapolis

It was founded in Indianapolis in 1958 by a group of businessmen led by Robert Welch, a former candy manufacturer of Boston.

Welch, by his own words, is the absolute boss of the society, which was named after a U.S. Army captain murdered by Chinese Reds.

This organization must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss," says Welch, and he is it.

WELCH HAS written a privately printed book called "The Politician." It was circulated only among the top, trusted leaders of the John Birch Society.

It is impossible for an ordinary member to see a copy of the book, or even get acknowledgment that it exists. I have read it, and will vouch that it exists.

In the book, Welch calls Dwight D. Eisenhower a traitor and a Communist.

He says that John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Chief Justice Earl Warren and former defense secretary Neil McElroy and most of the leaders of the Eisenhower administration, are or were part of a Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

Some Excerpts From the Book

This is from Welch's book: "While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct.

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

He says of Mr. Eisenhower: "... there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and actions. That word is treason."

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WE REPRINT these words only because they are totally idiotic and because people who are asked to follow Welch are not aware of what really is in his mind.

The Communist threat in this country is real enough. The country needs the energy and interest of every citizen who will work to counteract the Communist evil.

But the unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by Welch can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-Communist work.

(Mabley is on WBBM nightly at 8.)

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Arkansas Real Estate Association
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Dear Mr. 

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I have received your letter of February 6 with enclosures and I appreciate your expressions of support for the comments I made in defense of the FBI in my recent letter to the editor of "The Arkansas Democrat." It is my hope that my remarks corrected any false impressions formed by readers of the article which had previously appeared in the newspaper containing completely erroneous information about the responsibility of the FBI and the manner in which we perform our duties.

In view of your concern, I am sending some material regarding the threat of communism which you may find of value.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding [REDACTED] and no record of prior correspondence with him. In an article which appeared in "The Arkansas Democrat" on 12-26 60 Dr. Joseph B. Hunter, Executive Secretary, Arkansas Council of Churches viciously attacked the Director, FBI, House Committee on Un-American Activities and the film, "Operation Abolition," alleging that the FBI and the HCUA had conspired to foment the San Francisco demonstrations in order to obtain the controversial film. He said "After all, the FBI is just a secret police network which infringes on the individual rights of man."

The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is allegedly an anticommunist organization. Welch has in the past been critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. We are now making inquiry regarding the group. Mention of the John Birch Society ignored intentionally in this letter.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was certainly gratifying to read your letter in "Our Reader's Views" column of the Arkansas Democrat in the February 6, 1961 issue. Congratulations on your effective answer. Many of us in this area are grateful to you for taking the time to make this reply.

I feel certain you have heard of The John Birch Society. We have three chapters in Arkansas, one of which is in Little Rock. We are dedicated business men to combat communism. As you know, Mr. Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts is the head of this Society.

Our chapter here was only formed last September but since our membership is growing quickly as well as our activities, I decided to make sure your able and efficient agent in charge in Little Rock, Mr. J. J. Casper, was acquainted with this society. I made an appointment with him about ten days ago and he was very gracious in allowing me sufficient time to bring to his attention the activities of this society.

I am enclosing copies of two or three letters I have written that may be of interest to you. Again thank you very much for your letter to the Arkansas Democrat.

Yours truly,



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cc Mr. J. J. Casper
cc Mr. Robert Welch

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In Defense of The Family Farm

To the Editor of the Gazette:

We keep reading in the papers, we keep hearing speakers argue about the small farmers should get big, get out or get on relief. The young men and women should go to California. Ma and Pa should move to town and ask for a handout. Before the family splits up and leaves the little farm, they should tear down the barn, burn the smoke house and destroy the family home. Seems the little home places are unsightly. They do something or other to the go-getters' up-and-coming ego.

The argument seems to be that the Arkansas landscape looks better grown up in grave yard grass, persimmon and sassafras woods. Must be the best thing to do. Any way we Arkansas people are doing it. We lost population during the 1950's. We are losing two more Congressmen. Some cheerful prophet claims we will lose population all the 1960's.

We spend \$3,000 sending a boy or girl through high school. Graduation day we tell the graduates goodbye. We tell them we have no jobs for them in Arkansas. We lose our \$3,000 investment. We lose nearly all that are smart enough to read a road map.

Not long ago we traveled through the lovely Arkansas hills. Way back over yonder on a side road we met a family. Guess they lived so far back they had not read the papers or heard the up-and-coming speakers.

The little hill and valley farm where they lived was a pretty spot. A sparkling stream meandered across the grass-covered pasture. A small herd of good dairy cattle grazed under the sugar maples. Corn, cotton, soy beans and sorghum cane were contoured around the ridges. The well kept home and farm buildings brightened the countryside.

Two lovely teenage girls were hursomads to house bulging with Arkansas fryers. A big strapping crooked-nosed young man cleaned the cow barn. We learned that the nose was crooked in an agricultural college football game.

Pa worked the half acre irrigated truck patch. Ma was busy stuffing the deep freeze with fresh garden vegetables. Grandpa tended the pretty flower garden.

Grandpa said he had homesteaded the place years ago. He talked while shelling corn for the fattening hogs. He said he had

(Communications on any subject are welcome. Letters should be under 500 words and typewritten if possible. All letters are subject to editing to meet space requirements. Each letter must be signed. Although signatures will be withheld on request. No letter will be returned unless self-addressed envelope is enclosed.—Editor.)

heard the get-big or get-out story years ago. He all but tried it. Said he once had an offer to move to California and punch a time clock, fight traffic, pay rent and eat from tin cans.

We thought grandpa had some pretty good ideas. He said there where some farmers could make a good independent living. Said they could not get any rich. Could not make the night clubs, belong to the country club, drive a Cadillac or wear a tuxedo.

As we drove on down the road we could not think of many people driving up to a time clock in a Cadillac.

Honest John Pride,
Kanis Road.

'Operation Abolition'

To the Editor of the Gazette:

In reference to the debate to which Mrs. Lippman has challenged Dr. J. B. Hunter, through the other L. R. newspaper, I believe the public is entitled to the truth about the San Francisco riot film "Operation Abolition" and the National Council of Churches. A debate should bring forth the truth.

Dr. Hunter is Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Council of Churches which is affiliated with the NCC. Why is it so important to Dr. Hunter that the film not be shown? What does he have to lose if it is shown? If showing the film can in any way aid the fight against Communism, what is wrong with showing it?

I believe Dr. Hunter has been misled by the NCC. It is not conclusive to say that surely the leaders of our top church organization are too smart to be outwitted into lending aid to our enemies. We cannot forget that the astute Secretary of State, Dean Acheson could not believe that his good friend Alger Hiss was an enemy agent. Nor can we forget Klaus Fuchs and the Rosenbergs escaping defection until after their dirty work was accomplished. It is folly to assume that the enemy would not make use of the Nation-

al Council of Churches if it could do so to accomplish its purposes.

O. D. Hatfield Jr.

Little Rock.

Illiteracy Campaign

To the Editor of the Gazette:

The Little Rock Chamber of Commerce will deserve a vote of thanks from many adults who cannot read or write if the plan is suited for the largest number of viewers.

Most adults with first, second or third grade learning have to be at work between 5 and 6 in the mornings. The families with five or six children to feed and clothe can't miss an hour of work every day just to get a little education.

I wonder if the persons involved in this program know about the conditions and needs of the poor class of working people.

The 98-film series for so-called functional illiterates in my opinion might be a big disappointment. If the film is shown about 7 in the morning it will be seen by perhaps one-fourth of the people who need the learning.

What can be done to help the thousands who can't see the program? Perhaps a survey on how many could view the film in the mornings or perhaps at night.

I sincerely hope that this problem is understood and can be worked out. The state of Arkansas owes this much to its people.

The poor class of people pay taxes and revenue just as the rich do and I think that when educational learning is to be had the poor class of people should have access to it.

Peggy Davis.

Little Rock.

Arkadelphia

Recently one of Arkansas's two big Sunday papers carried a statement that Arkansas's "Arkadelphia" is the "only one in the world." However, the current U. S. Official Postal Guide shows another village of that name in Cullman County, Ala., having some three hundred population.

Gay Morrison Sr.

Hot Springs.

P. S. Hope you will publish the above—the original article was NOT in the Gazette.

Other Days

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O. D. HADFIELD, JR.,
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

February 2, 1961

Honorable J. W. Fulbright, U.S.S.
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

I am grateful to you for taking the time to write your letter of December 1 in reply to my letters of November 18 and 21. Almost daily I have planned to reply concerning the question of admitting Red China to the United Nations but I desired to have additional information so as to understand your statement "that Red China's admission to the United Nations is probably inevitable."

I have been meeting with a group of citizens of this county twice each month for discussion on the advances accomplished by Communists. From these discussions we conclude that Russia must gain control of the United Nations to "take over" the United States. We have observed that the vote tabulations on controversies before the United Nations shows a gain for the Russian position.

We do not think, and we are certain you will agree, there is no doubt that Red China, if admitted, would vote with Russia. So, we further conclude that to admit Red China would give Russia additional strength in the United Nations, therefore, we violently object to Red China's admission to the United Nations.

You may be interested to know that our group consists of over thirty persons and the foregoing conclusions are unanimous.

I am sure you are personally acquainted with many of our members. They are not all wealthy and they are not all poor. Most of them own their own businesses, one with employees totaling 181. One person probably has no financial statement at all. Another is worth over four million dollars. So, you see, I feel this is a rather good cross section of public opinion.

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We have arranged for the showing of "Communism on the Map" to over 5,000 people in Pulaski County. A tremendous interest has arisen and is spreading in this area to move forward quickly to stop socialistic and communistic trends. There is an element of conservatism arising in this county and I believe in many other counties. Only last Sunday I attended an Executive Committee Meeting of the American Legion composed of approximately twenty persons and when a discussion on communism began everyone wanted the floor at once to tell how violently he was opposed to this trend and what he thought the American Legion should do about it.

As you know from reading our newspapers the American Legion has shown the film "Operation Abolition" many many times. Only two people have objected to the film being shown. Yet the newspapers have proclaimed it controversial. Of course, this makes good "news" but it has helped interest the public in seeing the film.

Back to the rise of conservatism, I predict that this trend is going to sweep the country but Arkansas will be among the first. There are similar study groups in Benton and Searcy; one is being formed now in Hot Springs and Fort Smith. Waves of conservatives are going to splash the polls in Arkansas so fast and so strong that no person will stand against it.

Among these conservatives there is no segregation issue. It has been replaced with a dedicated interest in fighting socialism and communism. You may feel that I am speaking the words of only one person, but I know you will recognize from the letterhead that I am connected with a state-wide organization. A major portion of my duties consists of traveling Arkansas and corresponding with people throughout the state. In this way I am able to keep in touch with their thinking.

Enclosed is a list of the "Enemy's Program for 1961." Please note particularly number seven. I feel certain you did not intend to leave the impression that Red China should be admitted to the United Nations now, merely because you thought it was inevitable that she would be admitted, because I know that you make decisions based upon facts and sound reasoning. You have an enviable record as a scholar and a statesman and you just do not form opinions based on such flimsy reasoning. My greatest hope is that you have the benefit of your constituents thinking back home. I realize that as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee you are charged with a responsibility to the United States as a whole and that there is considerable pressure from many quarters. But, there are decisions you must make affecting our freedom and freedom should take priority over all pressures from liberals and socialists. Regardless of responsibilities to the full nation the people of Arkansas can continue you in your Chairmanship or they can revoke it.

We think it is time that our representatives in Congress begin to stand up and be counted instead of being swept down stream just to keep in good standing with some of the liberals.

I wish to belatedly convey my admiration for the tremendous sacrifice you made on several occasions in connection with civil rights legislation. Of these sacrifices, I particularly commend you for participating in the filibuster which was undoubtedly arduous..

Please accept my apologies for writing such a long letter, but I cannot think of anything that could be omitted. I recognize that you have far more things to study and read than you can possibly cover but please let me ask one question. Do you consider our views right or wrong and if wrong, please tell us why.

Respectfully yours,

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cc Senator John L. McClellan
Honorable Dale Alford

P. S. I have just read a news item in today's issue of the Arkansas Gazette in the upper right hand corner of page 7A which states you favor repeal of the "Connally Amendment." I can hardly believe this is true. We think to repeal the Connally Amendment would be just as disastrous as to admit Red China, or more so.

January 27, 1961.

Mr. J. N. Heiskell
Arkansas Gazette
3rd and Louisiana St.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mr. Heiskell,

Your twisted editorial entitled "The Principle Supporting Hunter and Rozzell" on Jan. 25th completely missed the issue. The issue is not freedom of speech. No one I know has said Hunter and Rozzell had no freedom to speak. They were not arrested for having spoken.

~~Here on the issue: Just because someone disagrees with one's~~
views on patriotic matters is no sign he is a communist. However, if your neighbor plows the ground, sows seeds, harvests and sells his crop, attends farmers' meetings, talks farming, walks and dresses like a farmer and opposes legislation designed to hurt the farmers, then, if he is not a farmer, WHAT IS HE?

Likewise, if someone hob-nobs with Communist fellow-travelers (Oxnam, Sockman and Dahlberg of the National Council of Churches), attends their meetings, talks their language, encourages aid to their cause, denounces American traditions, follows the plan of the party, opposes legislation designed to curb their activities and objects to films designed to awaken Americans to the threat of communism, if he is not a communist fellow traveler, WHAT IS HE?

Plans for the socialization of America were laid long ago, probably before you were born. These plans call for the take over thru 4 main channels, religion, government, labor organizations and education. Success has exceeded all expectations.

You call Congressman Alford's proposals insufferable, but you have not investigated the persons objecting and probably not even seen the film. You are the one who is insufferable. Although you probably did not actually write the editorial, I know none are published without crossing your desk, so you are just as guilty.

One of your poor, downtrodden abused lads said, and you printed it in your newspaper on Dec. 21, 1960, that he had spent a week in New Jersey last summer with the American Friends Service Committee. I bet you have not even taken the time to investigate that organization. Earlier it was labeled subversive, then the label was removed and now it is under investigation again. There is additional activities of this organization that would knock your eyes out, but I am pledged not to reveal them.

As to your other so clean, lilly-white Gazette-protected lad, you are really stooping below sea level to defend him. Another L. R. newspaper published his 3 "front" connections on or about Jan. 4, 1961, but there are more. He admits his views on "Operation Abolition" are based on what he heard at a meeting of the N. C. C. in Dec., 1960 at San Francisco. In 1960 the President of NCC was Edwin T. Dahlberg. Other NCC big wigs are Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and Ralph W. Sockman.

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Dahlberg was one of the petitioners on behalf of the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell and if you agree with the views and activities of those dark reds, you are red yourself. Sockman has twenty affiliations with organizations which promote the Communist line, Dahlberg has 21 and Oxnam, bless his heart, has 45. Now what do you think of the 4th paragraph of this letter.

So, you see, you should have obtained the facts before you made a weak half-hearted defense of the National Council of Churches. Things are not always what they seem. Why don't you get the facts before you write an editorial like that with slanted and damaging remarks about a man much better educated and a much more dedicated American than you.

~~and, as they thing, you published others on matters concerning~~
the film, but you have not had the guts to take a stand on it. Why don't you come forth and state that the film should not be shown, if that is what you think? I suggest you see it first, however.

You do not have the loyalty and courage your son, Carrick had. If he was here now, and knew what you were doing, he would take the pink out of your collar and quick, because he was 100% American.

I am not requesting you publish this letter because I do not think you have the courage. If you do publish it, I don't think you will publish it in full. If you do publish it in full, I think you will add an editor's note. If you do publish it in full and add an editor's note, I think you will twist the facts again and fail to face the "real" issue. Your Heiskellism makes me sick.

I have had my name in the paper before and I have no desire to have it published again, so if you do have the guts to publish this, sign it ANTI-HEISKELL.

Perhaps I have been too mean. If so, I am sorry. But, I firmly believe no one else has heretofore dared "tell you off" either by personal letter or in person.

~~if I have accomplished nothing more than to awaken you, it~~
will be a valuable contribution to freedom. Millions of other U. S. citizens also need to be awakened. As the owner of a newspaper, why not help awaken them? It would surely put a star in your crown with Him who shall have all the Glory.

Yours truly,

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Sunday, January 1, 1961.

Happy New Year to All

Another year is behind us, we have welcomed in a new one. And the praise and dispraise of old 1960 might be summed up with this quotation:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was a season of light, it was a winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going to Heaven, we were all going the other way."

That can't be quoted from anybody now living. It was written by Charles Dickens of the year 1775, as the first paragraph of his "Tale of Two Cities."

There has never been agreement on whether any year, any time, was good or bad. In the gaudiest booms not everybody prospered. For some, business was only fair, or poor. Some had reverses and misfortunes.

That was true for 1960. The over-all nation-wide picture has been a bustling scene of high employment, production, earnings and trade. But there also have been unemployment, lags in farming and dull spots in some industries and businesses.

These adverse factors became more pronounced in the latter months of the year.

Generally, Arkansas, like the nation, has had a good year. Our farm income, though below that of 1959, is at a healthy high. Employment continued through most of the year its upward swing from the 1958 national slump. We've notched up an array of new industries and expansions in plants we had.

Our state economy, in spite of sore spots, is vigorous and sound. Since that is also true nationally, Arkansas can look forward hopefully to 1961.

A huge amount of new strength has been built into Arkansas and the nation's economy in the past 15 years, with greater productive capacity, skills and wealth. And for generations Americans have proved the winning qualities of resourcefulness and optimism.

We can step with a confident stride into 1961.

Progress to an Exciting Goal

Take a look with your imagination at the Arkansas River as it will be when the Army Engineers have transformed it from a menace of destructive floods to an asset. The whole character of the river will be changed.

It will be a series of lakes, bluish in color, its floods controlled, its banks stable, a highway for barges, an attractive site for industries, with enlivened cities along its banks and a playground for boating and fishing.

This shape of pleasant things to come was given clearer form in the Democrat last week, with a summary of the work done as reported by the Army Engineers. Of particular interest was the progress noted on the Keystone Dam and Reservoir above Tulsa, the Eufaula Dam and Reservoir on the Canadian River in Oklahoma and the Dardanelle Lock and Dam in Arkansas. For these projects are key features.

That was brought out in a talk at Pine Bluff in August 1959 by Brig. Gen. William Whipple of the Army Engineers' Southwestern Division. Briefly, he said:

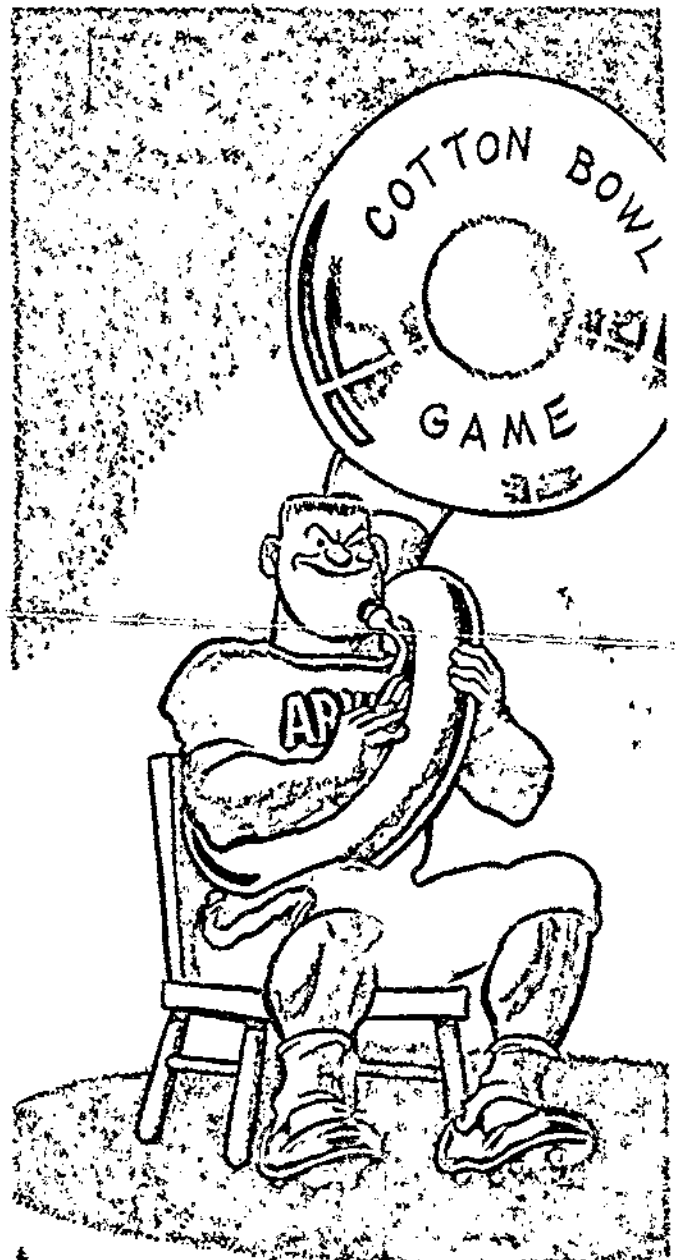
The Keystone and Eufaula reservoirs are critically important. For while they will control only one-third of the river flow above Dardanelle, they will control three-quarters of the river's vast load of sediment.

And these reservoirs must be completed, to cut off the fouling sediment carried downstream before the Dardanelle dam can be closed along with other dams on the lower flow of the river.

The Army Engineers' report showed that the Keystone work is 23 per cent done, and the Eufaula project is 21 per cent completed. The Dardanelle Lock and Dam is further behind—12 per cent of the work done.

There were other cheering items. This great boon for Arkansas is in sight, yet still in the initial stages. Earnest, enthusiastic public support is needed to hasten the great day when the task will be finished.

Let's Start Off the Year on a Big Note



Our Readers' Vic

(To our readers: This is your column. You are invited to use it as an open forum for discussing matters of general interest. You may use a pen name or initials if you wish, but we must have your name and address as warrant of good faith.—The Editor.)

Urges a Debate

Dear Editor: Dedicated Americanists (anti-Communists) are enthused about the awakening of the complacents of the San Francisco riot film, "Operation Abolition." Yet Dr. J. B. Hunter opposes the film being shown.

Dr. Hunter is executive secretary of the Arkansas Council of Churches which is affiliated with the National Council of Churches.

If I were a Communist, one of the vehicles I would use to impose my will on the American people would be through a national church organization.

At a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, November 1963, the Fifth World Order Study Conference of the National Council of Churches adopted a resolution in favor of the recognition of Red China and her seating in the United Nations. Apparently, this vote was railroaded, because a later poll of 30,000 ministers throughout America revealed that 80 per cent of them were opposed to any such recognition.

At a meeting of the National Council of Churches in December at San Francisco, a speaker criticized the film unfavorably. The Washington Post, in an editorial, criticized the film unfavorably. Everybody knows where the Washington Post stands, and it

They Say Today:

"If I were a Communist, one of the vehicles I would use to impose my will on the American people would be through a national church organization." (O. D. Hadfield Jr.)

"Members of committees of Congress are subject to congressional censure." (G. W. J.)

Isn't for conservatism.

Mrs. Alfred Lippman Jr. has challenged Dr. Hunter to a debate. Let us have the debate, please, have it open to the public and let us find out through Dr. Hunter where our Arkansas Council of Churches stands. It may be that the state organization should discontinue its affiliation with the national.

If the Arkansas council is run by the national, then maybe the Arkansas council should be investigated. I know of two specific churches that have already dropped membership in the Arkansas Council of Churches.

O. D. HADFIELD JR.
Little Rock.

Un-American Activities

Dear Editor: Just what is so terrible about the Un-American Activities Committee? Why should it be abolished as some liberals are advocating?

If the House committee has acted unfairly that can be corrected. Members of committees of Congress are subject to congressional censure. That is the way to make the members of the committee hew the line. Regardless of what we might

Our Readers' Views

The city readers who to our column. You are invited to use it as an open forum for the expression of your views. You may use a pen name or write if you wish, but we must have your name and address as a matter of good housekeeping.

Answerable at All Times

Dear Editor: I have just had the opportunity to read the article entitled "House Committee, FBI Wanted for 'Propaganda'" which appeared in the Dec. 24, 1960, issue of your paper.

Anyone who would accept that the FBI and the House Committee on Un-American Activities are together and subordinated a group of persons, first a film company and then went out to the press to make a propaganda movie is an effort to help the HCUA get their financial appropriations is guilty of creating a malicious falsehood. The FBI, as the investigative arm of the Department of Justice, is in the executive branch of the government, and our operations have no connection whatsoever with those of the House Committee on Un-American Activities which is a part of the legislative branch. The film, "Operation Abolition," was sponsored and distributed by a legislative committee, and the FBI was not involved in any way in its preparation. The record of the Bureau and the going-around investigative work are not also as a protector

They Say Today:

"Every agent in the FBI is completely dedicated to protecting and preserving these rights and privileges granted under the Bill of Rights." (J. Edgar Hoover)
 "We (the States Rights Party) respect our religion as much as the other." (Mrs. R. L. Dwyer)

of individual rights (rights) party for itself. The FBI is answerable at all times to the attorney general and to the courts, the Congress and the people of the United States. Year after year, constitutional amendments are returned against approximately 97 per cent of the persons who are brought to trial in FBI cases.

The man quoted in your article, however, charges "the FBI is just a secret police network which infringes on the individual rights of men." That is base Greek. Every agent in the FBI is completely dedicated to protecting and preserving these rights and privileges granted under the Bill of Rights.

This same individual is quoted in the article as feeling that communism is not a threat to the United States. In this statement he betrays an obvious blindness toward the true danger of communism — a type of blindness which makes the FBI's work in protecting America's internal security infinitely more difficult.

Balanced against the false claims of misinformed persons, as well as the Communists and their dupes and sympathizers, are those irrefutable facts: (1) the Communist Party, USA, remains the largest subversive organization in the United States; (2) the Communist Party now, as in the past, is an integral arm of the international Marxist conspiracy; (3) the Communist Party's reins have been in the hands of more arduously pro-Soviet elements than they are today — in fact, the party's top national leader, Stan Hall, is a Moscow-based ex-convict.

J. EDGAR HOOVER,
 Washington, D.C.

States Rights Party

Dear Editor: In answer to your article in the Jan. 24 Standard about the Thunderbolt, a newspaper of the National States Rights Party being distributed to the Senate and House, I want to thank you for not calling the Thunderbolt a hate sheet. The Thunderbolt only stated facts.

The first step to take should be the abolition of all forms of anti-Semitism. It must be made plain that we are not anti-Semitic.

We are not anti-Semitic in the religious sense of the word either. We respect our religion as much as the other.

We are for civil rights. We are fighting for the preservation of our constitutional government and state sovereignty.

MRS. E. L. DENSON,
 Little Rock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1961

President Kennedy's word to his "team" is "giddap!"

The Principle Supporting Hunter and Rozzell

IT IS EASY to understand why the executive committee of the Little Rock Ministerial Association has moved to the public defense of Dr. Joseph B. Hunter, the minister who incurred the wrath of some professional anti-Communists when he dared to criticize the Operation Abolition movie.

The committee apparently has passed no judgment on the film itself, and neither, incidentally, have we. But the proposal made by Congressman Alford, that Dr. Hunter be questioned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, was truly insufferable in its threat to freedom of speech.

Ministers, as men whose calling makes them more than ordinarily sensitive to injustice, could hardly fail to react against the Alford idea.

The committee, moreover, could not have been oblivious to the continuing effort which has been made in recent years to rattle the clergy by casting doubt on the clergy's judgment and loyalty. This sinister movement has been directed, first of all, at the National Council of Churches. Only last year a diatribe against the Council written by a Tulsa evangelist was incorporated, incredibly, in an Air Force training manual. Across the country, ministers have come to recognize that the pulpit is a prime target of the enemies of free speech.

WE WOULD condemn the Ministerial Association for its recognition of the main issue in the controversy swirling around the movie. Individual rights have been assailed in the Hunter case, and in a similar attempt to retaliate against Forrest Rozzell, the educator who as a citizen opposed tactics he said the film employed.

The move against Rozzell is equally benighted. Delegates to an American Legion district meeting at Hot Springs called for an investigation of Mr. Rozzell's opposition to the film and for his removal as head of the Arkansas Education Association. The proposed investigation would seem superfluous if Mr. Rozzell were scheduled, as the Legion district proposed, to be removed anyway. In any event the effort to purge Rozzell is one of those actions that do the Legion no credit but which, alas, have not been uncommon in the record of Legion units about the country.

It was encouraging to note that Robert L. Parson, a Legion Post commander here, protested the move against Rozzell. Even so, the protest was muted by the announcement at the State Legion headquarters that Mr. Parson spoke only for himself.

Mr. Rozzell is perfectly entitled to hold his views on the Operation Abolition film and to express them when he sees fit. We trust the AEA will be as stalwart in its support of Mr. Rozzell as the Ministerial Association has been in its support of Dr. Hunter. The issue is precisely the same.

3/24/61 J. Macmillan

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February 15, 1961

EX-102

[Redacted Address]

Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

3/26/80 [Signature]

Your letter of February 4, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate your generous remarks concerning my book, "Masters of Deceit."

I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you concerning the matter of your inquiry. In carrying out its investigative responsibilities, the FBI does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Director's Speech 10-18-60

Director's Speech 10-3-60

LEB Introduction, March 1960, 17th National Convention, CP USA

One Nation's Response to Communism

Expose of Soviet Espionage

Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches in many parts of the country. Welch was quite critical of former President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be reported to the Bureau.

Feb. 4, 1961

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Malone
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Evans
Mr. W.C. Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I Have been approached concerning membership in the John Birch Society, headed by Mr. Robert Welch, with headquarters at Belmont, Mass.

From what I have learned from some of the local members and from reading some of the Society's literature, they seem to be a sincere group which is dedicated to fighting communism and encouraging constitutional government in the United States. However, I would appreciate receiving your opinion of this organization before I enter wholeheartedly in their effort.

May I also say that I am now in the process of reading your book "Masters of Deceit". I wish that this book could be assigned as required reading for every high school and college student in our beloved nation, and even more ideally, in every nation.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

Amarillo, Texas

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February 15, 1961

EX-113

[Redacted]
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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

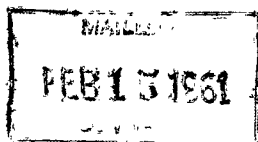
2/25/84 Springhouse

Your letter of February 8, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)

17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization.

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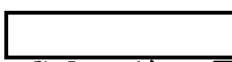
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Mr. [REDACTED]
February 15, 1961

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Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's Administration.
We are conducting inquiries regarding the group.

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Galveston, Tex.
Feb. 8, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

At the present time I am completing medical school here in Galveston. During my years here I have become very much aware of the communist threat to the world and more importantly to our country. It has been a problem in finding a good reliable source of information concerning this threat and then doing my part against it.

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I am hesitant to become active in any group which is active politically having seen the repercussions suffered by innocent people who were not careful in their choice of groups.

My purpose in writing you is in reference to a group in the United States, the John Birch Society.

I want very much to become active in the battle, and hope that you may have some information at hand concerning this group (or any other) which might help me to make a wise decision as to where to start. Specifically, of course, I have the most respect for your organization and your opinions.

Any information with which you can supply me would be most appreciated.

Sincerely



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Feb. 8, 1961

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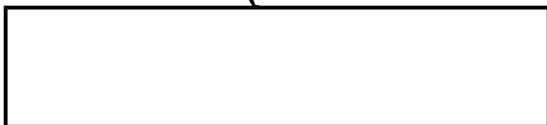
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Any information with which you can supply me would be most appreciated.

Sincerely



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February 16, 1961

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[Redacted]

Lake Charles, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

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Your letter of February 10, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you concerning the matter of your inquiry. In carrying out its investigative responsibilities, the FBI does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (5)
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Director's Speech 10-3-60
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: We have had no prior correspondence with Mr. [REDACTED]
He is on the Board of Directors of Rosa Hart Associates, which
was incorporated in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The Chairman
of the Board is one Rosa Hart, who is the subject of an Internal
Security-R investigation.

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February 10, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Here in Lake Charles, La. a John Birch Society has been formed. I understand that this organization was formed to fight Communism. What is the standing on this Society.

I have never heard of such a group until it was formed here in our city. I have yet to read or hear anything about this group.

I want to make sure that this organization is really out to fight Communism. I don't want to be part of any group that isn't up to par.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Lake Charles, La.

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[Redacted Address]

Port Arthur, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

3/21/86 J. Macmillan

Your letter of February 6, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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My book, "Masters of Deceit," published in 1958, is available from the publisher, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York, at a cost of \$5 per copy. I am sending, under separate cover, some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality
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Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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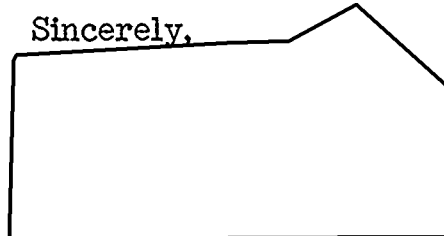
A movie concerning Communism in the United States is currently being shown in this area. I do not know the name of it but have been advised that it is connected with the "John Birch Society" and a man named Robert Welch.

I would appreciate receiving any information concerning both the John Birch Society and Robert Welch that would help me in determining if they are bona fide crusaders against Communism in our Country - or alarmists - or just what.

As a born-again-Christian, I cannot afford to be apathetic about such things; but ignorance certainly would appear to be apathy to an outsider.

I am also interested in knowing where I can get a copy of your book "Masters of Deceit" as I understand it has been taken off the book-stands.

Sincerely,



Port Arthur, Texas

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February 15, 1961

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Beaumont, Texas

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

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J. P. MacIntyre

Your letter of February 5, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. As a matter of policy, I am unable to recommend any groups to you as you suggested, and I hope you will understand my position in this respect.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention

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Expose of Soviet Espionage

Communist Target--Youth

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Feb. 5, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have recently come in contact with a John Birch Society, founded by Mr. Robert Welch, with headquarters in Belmont, Mass. The stated purpose of this organization is to carry on a militant fight against communism. Many of the aspects of this group fit perfectly characteristics of communist front organizations as stated in your book, "Masters of Deceit". Could you tell me if this group has been investigated and what information your files may contain on the John Birch Society.

I am particularly interested in any information you may have bearing on the Society's finances. It seems to me that their membership fees and book-selling efforts must create a very sizable income. I have not heard of any open efforts made that could explain how this money is used.

If it is a legitimate organization, I am very much in sympathy with their avowed purposes and would like to be active in their efforts. If any doubts exist about this group I would appreciate your recommendation of any other group that deserves support in the fight against communism.

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Sincerely,

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Belmont, Texas

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February 16, 1961


Midland, Texas

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Dear Miss 

I have received your letter of February 9, 1961, and indeed appreciate the interest which prompted your writing.

With regard to your inquiry, I must point out that I am unable to be of assistance to you for those reasons which I mentioned in my letter of December 30, 1960. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information relative to the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that correspondent by 12-30-60 letter was advised that we do not have information regarding affiliations or organizations. He was forwarded some material regarding communism at this time. It is deemed advisable to forward the same reply rather than repeat the prior letter. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We are conducting inquiries regarding the group.

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Feb. 9, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your courtesy in answering my last inquiry regarding the publication of a pamphlet naming certain persons communists. While I appreciate your position, I still do not know what to believe.

I am now inquiring about an organization called "The John Birch Society" which claims to have your approval and which is also fostering the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Yours very truly,



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Acton, Indiana

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]

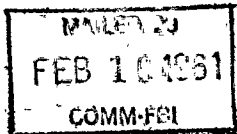
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Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization.
Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's Administration.
We are conducting inquiries regarding the group.

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Dear Sir;

Would you please send any information about
the John Birch Society.

Is it an anti-communist organization or a
Communist Front organization?

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Summerton, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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DATE 3/21/96 BY [redacted]

Your letter dated February 9, 1961, has been received, and your interest in communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of information in our files to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government.

I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you desire; however, you should not infer that our files do or do not contain the information you requested.

I am enclosing some material concerning the menace of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent has become concerned with American reaction to the threat of communism and requests answers to a number of questions. She refers to the fact that the Methodist Federation for Social Action has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist activity and inquires why this has not been made public in every Methodist church. She states Francis J. McConnell and G. Bromley Oxnam have allegedly been associated with communist front organizations and asks if they are today members of communist fronts. She also requests to be advised if there are any communists in the National Council of the Churches of Christ and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and whether there are any Federal laws prohibiting out-of-state persons from coming into a state to stir up trouble. She also inquires if the John Birch Society has the blessings of the FBI, will the FBI one day have the "go-ahead" to round up all communists, and whether anything can be done about the communists as long as there are laws to protect them. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

In view of the broad nature of her numerous requests, it is believed the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

Bufiles reveal that both Bishop Francis J. McConnell and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church have in the past been associated with a number of communist front organizations. They have not been investigated by the Bureau. (62-101302, 100-49640)

The National Council of the Churches of Christ has not been investigated by the Bureau. We have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate it through our over-all investigations of the Communist Party, USA. It does not appear that the policies of this organization are being dictated by the Communist Party. (100-50869)

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

The communist infiltration of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is the subject of a current Bureau investigation.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anti-communist organization with chapters throughout the country and has not been investigated by the Bureau. It has in the past been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower.

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
2. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
3. "The Communists Are After Our Minds."
4. "Red Goals and Christian Ideals."
5. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
6. "God and Country or Communism?"

Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Summerton, S.C.
Feb. 9, 1961

Director J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

John Birch Society

I first became interested in communism in 1947 when an astute history professor at Duke University required that his students learn The Communist Manifesto frontwards, backwards, and inside out. He insisted that perhaps in his life time and most certainly in ours, that America would find herself in a life and death struggle with the men who have dedicated themselves to the task of transforming the words of the Manifesto into deeds. I don't suppose any of us at the time realized the truth of which he spoke but he made history, past, present, and future a fascinating experience for all.

I have been deeply concerned with the American re-action to the threat of communism and since I have been teaching an adult Methodist Sunday School class that concern has turned into sheer alarm and frustration. The infiltration of communist doctrine into the churches of our country is appalling.

Can you help me find the answers to the following questions? Any help that you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

1. According to the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities the Methodist Federation for Social Action is "among the more conspicuous front for Communist activity in the field of relief, assistance, and welfare work .. A statement in their Social Service Bulletin No. 8, 1932 admits cooperation with the Communists." If this is so why has it not been made public in every Methodist Church in America? Methodist ministers claim there is nothing to it - yet our literature is filled with left-wing propaganda week after week.
2. Francis J. McConnell with 27 past communist affiliations and G. Bromley Oxnam with 11 past communist affiliations have tremendous influence through the National Council of Churches and through our Methodist literature. (there are many others also) They are too intelligent to be just tools in the hands of the Communists. Are they today members of Communist Fronts?
3. The National Council of Churches is one of the most un-democratic organizations in the world. No church member (with the exception of the Baptists) is asked if he wants to join. The hierarchy of the church joins for him and then he foots the bill. Are there any known Communists in the N.C.C.? Here is one Methodist they don't represent.
4. I am a native of Ohio and since moving to S.C. in 1944 I have found the integration problem to be much more complex than just the problem of one or two children going to a certain school. I'm sure the Communists have taken advantage of the situation to aggravate racial strife. Are there any known

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Communists in the NAACP ? Or are they too smart to let them carry cards ?

5. Is there no federal law which prohibits out of state people from coming into a state and deliberately stirring up trouble? Nearly 100 % of the present chaos is started by non residents of the state. It would be far better if they would clean up their own back yards .

6. Does the John Birch Society have the blessings of the FBI in its work?

7. Is there any hope that one day the government will give the FBI the go-ahead to round up all card carrying Communists and deal with them as the traitors which they are ?

8. Is there really any thing that can be done as long as there are laws to protect the enemy and further their cause?

As I see it, the Communists have eaten through the soft part of the apple and are now gnawing at the very core - the faith this country was founded upon and the faith that has enabled men to give their lives that America might stay free. The N.C.C., preachers, and teachers are sowing the seeds of doubt about the Christian Faith. They have re-written the Bible to suit their needs and are advocating one world with a universal religion that will make " wide the gate and broad the way" to everlasting life. I wonder if any of them have read the Book of John lately. " And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. ...I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

I almost forgot Jesus was only a poor teacher and the Book of John wasn't written by John anyhow. Or was it ?

May God bless you and all who seek the truth with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs.




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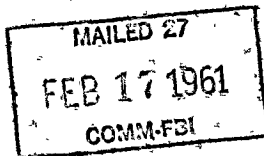
Dear Mr. 

Your telegram of February 15, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

One Nation's Response To Communism

Director's speech of 10-18-60

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NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization. Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's Administration. We are conducting inquiries regarding the group.

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Pres: Mr. DeLoach

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Dallas 18, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]:

Your letter dated February 9, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of this Bureau as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer, however, from my inability to be of aid either that we do or that we do not have information in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material available for general distribution on the subject of communism.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

Director's speech 10-18-60
How to Beat Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Series From "Christianity Today"
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches throughout the U. S. Its head, Robert Welch, has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past in his writings, and the Bureau is currently conducting limited investigation of his group and publication entitled "American Opinion."

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February 9, 1961

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would very much appreciate any information you can give me on an anti-communist organization called the The John Birch Society.

I understand that many of the anti-communist organizations are in reality Communist organizations. Is this true of the John Birch Society?

Thank you for your time and trouble.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letter was received on February 13, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you with regard to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the organization you mentioned.

Enclosed is material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

[Redacted]
Phoenix, Arizona
February 9, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

My colleague and I have been exposed to the problem of the Communist infiltration in this country. The problem is: how to combat this organization.

I expressed a desire to join an Anti-Communist organization. To this, my colleague answered as follows:

"Which organization?"

"Is the one you choose reputable?"

(My reference was to the John Birch Society)

"Why isn't there advertising of this organization on radio, newspapers, and T.V.?"

"Is it advisable to have people attend these meetings on a membership-only basis?"

Explanation: A person cannot attend these meetings without being accompanied by a member of the society.

We would appreciate your personal comment (along with any other information) on this organization at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 2/17/61

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-32899)

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Enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled "The John Birch Society, Inc." and five copies of a letterhead memorandum entitled "American Opinion," a publication of Robert Welch, Inc., for possible dissemination by the Bureau. No dissemination is being made locally, by the Boston Office.

The investigation was conducted by SA DARREL B. CURRIE at Boston and Belmont, Mass. on 2/10, 14 and 15/61.

The source who furnished information on 2/14/61 was ARTHUR FLYNN, Postmaster, Belmont, Mass.

As pointed out in Boslet to the Bureau dated 9/2/59 captioned "ROBERT H. W. WELCH, INC., INFORMATION CONCERNING, INTERNAL SECURITY," HERBERT A. PHILBRICK had stated that he was a "home" member of the John Birch Society. A separate lead is being set out to contact PHILBRICK at Rye Beach, N. H. for any current information regarding the number of John Birch chapters now functioning, and for any other pertinent data concerning this matter. The Bureau will be advised concerning this at a later date as PHILBRICK is currently on a speaking engagement on the West Coast.

Files of the Boston Office contained background information on only two of the Incorporators of "The John Birch Society; Inc.," namely, ROBERT W. WELCH, JR. and ELLEN DOUGLAS (GROKER) SNOW. The information on WELCH has been set forth in the letterhead. It is to be noted that records at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc.,

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11 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., indicated that ELLEN DOUGLAS GUCKER was the widow of ALEXANDER GUCKER, a former FBI Agent. Boston files contain a report dated 9/29/41 at Philadelphia entitled "ALEXANDER LOWERY GUCKER, APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT," showing ELLEN DOUGLAS as the wife of the applicant.

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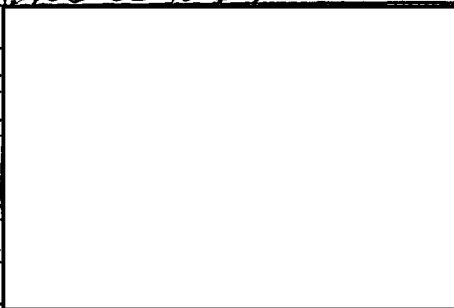
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

February 17, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

"AMERICAN OPINION,"
a publication of
Robert Welch, Inc.
385 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts

A. INCORPORATION

Records of the Secretary of State, Department of Corporations, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, show this business organization was incorporated January 13, 1956, listing address as 24 Orchard Street, Belmont, Massachusetts. Officers of the Corporation were listed as:

President. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. 43 Fletcher Road,
Belmont,
Massachusetts

Treasurer Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. 43 Fletcher Road,
Belmont,
Massachusetts

Clerk (Secretary) Ellen M. Lovett 11 Traymore Street,
Cambridge,
Massachusetts

Directors were listed as:

Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.
Ellen M. Lovett
Ellen Douglas Gucker

B. NAMES OF INCORPORATORS

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|----|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. | Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. | (Shares of Common Stock 1001) |
| | 43 Fletcher Road, | |
| | Belmont, Massachusetts | |
| 2. | Ellen Douglas Gucker | " " " " 1 |
| 3. | Ellen M. Lovett | " " " " 1 |

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ENCLOSURE

"AMERICAN OPINION"

C. AIMS AND PURPOSES

The dissemination of information to the general public through the medium of the publication of papers, books, magazines and lectures.

To buy, sell, rent, lease, mortgage and otherwise deal in goods, wares, merchandise and personal property of every name, nature, and description and incidental thereto; to buy, sell, rent, lease, mortgage and otherwise deal in lands or any interests therein, houses, buildings, real estate of every nature or description, factories, manufacturing establishments or equipment and to engage in manufacturing of every sort and description; to draw, accept, endorse, acquire and sell negotiable or transferable instruments or securities, including bonds, notes and bills of exchange, to subscribe for, acquire, hold, sell, exchange and deal in shares, stocks, bonds, obligations or securities of any private or public corporation, government, or municipality and this corporation shall have express power to hold, purchase or otherwise acquire, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of capital stock, bonds, debentures or other evidence of indebtedness created by this or any other corporation, and while owner thereof to exercise all the rights and privileges of ownership including the right to vote thereon; in general to carry on the business in connection with the foregoing and to transact any business permitted a business corporation under the provisions of Chapter 156, General Laws of Massachusetts.

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D. FINANCIAL POSITION

A financial statement filed April 23, 1958 showed assets of \$27,320.85 and the following data concerning stock:

Total authorized	1,000 shares	Preferred
	5,000 shares	Common
Total issued	10 Preferred	Value \$1,000.
	4,010 Common	Value \$4,010.

A financial statement of June 3, 1959 showed assets of \$65,003.54 and the following stock data:

Total issued	322 Preferred	Value \$32,200.
	4,322 Common	Value \$ 4,322.

A financial statement of June 27, 1960 showed assets of \$77,475.82 and the following stock data:

Total issued	334 Preferred	Value \$33,400.
	4,334 Common	Value \$ 4,334.

The following is from a Dun and Bradstreet report dated March 25, 1959 entitled Robert Welch, Inc., "American Opinion," 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts:

Robert H. Welch, Jr. - President and Treasurer
Ellen M. Lovett - Clerk
Directors - The officers with Mrs. Ellen Douglas Snow
Started 1956

Summary

Principal of independent means organized Corporation to publish an anti-Communist periodical. Financial statement is lacking.

History

The trade style is unregistered. It is the title of the periodical published by the subject corporation.

This is a Massachusetts corporation formed January 13, 1956. Authorized capital 1,000 shares of preferred stock and 5,000

"AMERICAN OPINION"

shares of common stock. At incorporation date there were 1,003 shares of the common stock issued, of which 1,001 shares were held by Robert Welch, President and Treasurer.

Robert H. Welch, Jr. was born in North Carolina in 1899 and is married. He is Vice President of James O. Welch Co., Inc., Candy Manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He was actively engaged in that corporation from 1935 and continues to be active in an advisory capacity. In a financial statement of June 30, 1957 the corporation showed a tangible net worth of \$1,951,936 and a good financial condition. Welch is also an officer of five corporations affiliated with James O. Welch Co., Inc., which corporations act as sales organizations for the manufacturing concern. At the present time Welch devotes nearly all his time to the subject business.

Miss Lovett is employed here as Editor and Secretary.

Mrs. Snow, a housewife, also assists on a part time basis.

The periodical published by the subject was originally called "One Man's Opinion." However, the name of the publication was changed in February, 1958 to "American Opinion."

Operation - Location

Publishes the "American Opinion" and is an anti-communistic periodical. Annual subscriptions are sold at the rate of \$5 per year to individuals in the United States and abroad. There are 11 issues published annually. The only advertising solicited is from book and magazine publishers. Two regular employees. The actual printing is done by others.

Headquarters located on the first floor of this modern two-storied concrete block and brick office building located on a main thoroughfare, commercial section.

Financial Information

On March 24, 1959 Robert H. Welch, Jr. declined a financial statement. He did say that the corporation had sufficient funds available to meet its trade obligations and other operating expenses.

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No volume figures were given but there are estimated to be between 5,000 and 6,000 subscribers to this publication with the annual volume probably \$25,000 or better.

The extent of the capital investment and the overall condition could not be definitely determined. Operations are believed to be breaking even at best with the corporation being financed by advances from Welch. He is considered to be of independent means.

The following is from a Dun and Bradstreet report dated September 26, 1960:

Robert Welch, Inc.
"American Opinion"

Robert H. Welch, Jr. - President and Treasurer
Ellen M. Lovett - Clerk
Directors - Officers, with Mrs. Ellen Douglas Snow

Summary

Corporation publishes anti-communist periodical. Financial statement withheld.

Operation

Publishes "American Opinion" which is an anti-communistic periodical. Annual subscriptions sold at \$5 per year to individuals in United States and abroad. Eleven issues annually. The actual printing is done by others. 6,000 subscribers with annual volume about \$25,000.

Welch also active in John Birch Society which he organized to combat communism.

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E. CREDIT RATING

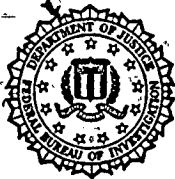
The credit rating at Dun and Bradstreet and at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston for Robert Welch, Inc. was favorable.

F. CIRCULATION AND MANNER OF DISTRIBUTION

The Dun and Bradstreet report of March 25, 1959 reflects that annual subscriptions to "American Opinion" are sold at the rate of \$5 per year to individuals in the United States and abroad, with 11 issues published annually. This report estimates between 5,000 and 6,000 subscribers with an annual volume of probably \$25,000 or better.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 14, 1961, that voluminous mail, bearing the return address of both "The John Birch Society" and "American Opinion," 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts, is handled at the Belmont, Massachusetts Post Office. This source further advised that these matters are handled both as first class mail (sealed) and as third class mail (unsealed).

This memorandum contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Boston, Massachusetts
February 17, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.
385 Concord Avenue
Belmont, Massachusetts

A. INCORPORATION

Records of the Secretary of State, Department of Corporations, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, show that this organization was incorporated on December 23, 1958 and given charter number 624-300. The officers of the Corporation were listed as follows:

President	Robert Welch	43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts
Treasurer	Robert Welch	43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts
Clerk (Secretary)	Ellen M. Lovett	11 Traymore Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Directors were listed as:

Mary M. White	25 Upland Road, West Concord, Massachusetts
Robert Welch	43 Fletcher Road Belmont, Massachusetts
Ellen M. Lovett	11 Traymore Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts

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OF SUBJECT
ORGANIZATION

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

B. NAMES OF INCORPORATORS *CF*

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|--|---|
| 1. MRS. Robert Welch | 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont,
Massachusetts |
| 2. Marian Probert Welch | 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont,
Massachusetts |
| 3. Ellen M. Lovett | 11 Traymore Street,
Cambridge, Massachusetts |
| 4. Mary M. White | 25 Upland Road, West Concord,
Massachusetts |
| <i>MRS. STANLEY C. CHAMBERLAIN</i>
5. Ellen Douglas Snow | <i>MRS. ALEXANDER GUILD</i>
24 Orchard Street, Belmont,
Massachusetts B. APPROX. 1910 |
| 6. Philip L. Jenkins | 39 Harwich Road, Brockton,
Massachusetts |
| 7. Juliette D. Guild | 63 Burdett Avenue, Hingham,
Massachusetts |

C. AIMS AND PURPOSES

To promote civic interest in national and international affairs by an educational program and collection of literature and dissemination of the same for educational purposes; and to do any and all things which may be necessary and incidental to the foregoing, and in general, to do all other things which may be legally permitted to this corporation by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180, and acts in amendment thereof and in additional thereto as a non-profit business organization.

D. FINANCIAL POSITION

As a non-profit business organization it was not required to file a financial statement but was required to file "An Annual Report of Officers." The first annual report filed November 16, 1959 showed the same officers and directors

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as named at the time of Incorporation. No report has been received by the Secretary of State for the year 1960.

The following is from a Dun and Bradstreet report dated August 5, 1960 captioned "John Birch Society, Inc., 385 Concord Ave, Belmont, Mass."

Robert H. Welch, Jr., President-Treasurer
Miss Ellen Lovett, Clerk
Directors - Officers, with Mrs. Mary White

Summary

A non-profit organization which publishes Anti-Communist Information. Financial statement declined.

Trade

Subject is not a general seeker of credit due to the nature of the operation.

Finance

On August 4, 1960 Robert Welch, Jr., President and Treasurer, declined a financial statement and complete operating details. He did say that the Corporation had sufficient capital to meet its needs but gave no detailed figures. Welch is now known to represent considerable means in his own right, however, the extent of the capital investment here and the method for financing has been withheld at this time.

Operation

Publishes a monthly bulletin of an anti-communistic nature. Purpose is to combat communism by means of this literature. Location: Headquarters location on first floor of this modern two-story building in commercial section.

History

This is reported to be a Massachusetts Corporation now under the laws governing non-profit and educational corporations. Organization details not immediately available. Active operations began in 1959.

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Welch, Jr., born in North Carolina in 1899, is married. He is Vice President of James O. Welch Co., Inc., Candy Manufacturers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, which corporation has a net worth of more than \$2 million and a good financial condition. Welch is active at that point and in an advisory capacity. He devotes most of his time to the subject Corporation and to Robert Welch Inc. which is located at the above address and publishes a monthly bulletin, "American Opinion." Statement of that Corporation is unavailable.

Miss Lovett is employed by the subject Corporation as an editor and secretary and also works for Robert Welch, Inc. in the same capacity.

Mrs. White is also an employee appearing for organizational purposes only.

As far as could be learned there are no inter-company relations between the subject and James O. Welch Co., Inc. The extent of any inter-company relations between John Birch Society, Inc. and Robert Welch, Inc. not disclosed.

E. CREDIT RATING

The credit rating at Dun and Bradstreet and at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc. for Robert Welch, Jr. was favorable.

F. NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

The Blue Book of the John Birch Society, copyright 1959 by Robert Welch, states the Society was founded December 9, 1958 at Indianapolis, Indiana. Page 177 of the Blue Book reports "We now have a full-time staff of Coordinators at work, helping to establish chapters and to supervise those already established in Mass., Florida, Michigan, Illinois, Tennessee and Texas."

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On December 21, 1959, Mr. Robert W. Welch, Jr. stated that there were chapters of the John Birch Society in 15 different states.

G. BACKGROUND DATA CONCERNING INCORPORATORS

The following information concerns Robert W. Welch, Jr.

Records of the Harvard Law School, Alumni Records Office, Cambridge, Massachusetts, reflect that Robert H. W. Welch, Jr. was at Harvard Law School from 1919 to 1921 and received no degree. He received his A. B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1916 and, as of both 1948 and 1953, was Vice President in charge of Sales and Advertising for the James O. Welch Company, Candy Manufacturers, 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The 35th Reunion Report of the Harvard Law School, Class of 1922, published in 1957, in addition to information set out above, reflects that he married Marian Frobert in 1922 and had two sons, [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] It also showed that he was in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland during World War I and during World War II was on the Advisory Commission of the Office of Price Administration. In addition, from 1951 to 1954, he was a member of the Belmont, Massachusetts School Committee and had served as a Director of several small businesses and one bank. From 1951 to 1957, he was a Director of the National Association of Manufacturers, being its Vice President from 1955 to 1957. The report listed two publications by Mr. Welch: "May God Forgive Us" (1952) and "Life of John Birch" (1954).

Volume 4 of "Who's Who in New England," dated 1948, sets forth the following additional information:

Mr. Welch was born in Edenton, North Carolina, December 1, 1899. He was a founder of the Oxford Candy Company in 1922 and its Sales Manager in 1935. From 1940 to the time of publication, he had been Vice President and Director of Sales and Advertising of the James O. Welch Company, Cambridge, Massachusetts. As of the date of publication, he is shown as

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a member of the Board of Directors of Robert Welch Publishing Company; Chairman of the Board of the Washington Commission of the National Association of Candy Manufacturers; a member of the Board of Directors of the United Prison Association, and during World War II was a member of the Office of Price Administration Committee for the candy industry. He is shown to be the recipient of the Kettle Award by the candy industry in 1947 and a member of the Massachusetts Chess Federation (Board of Directors, 1940-1944).

Mr. Welch is shown as a Republican and lists his clubs as: Harvard (Boston and New York), Skating (Boston), Oakley Country (Board of Directors). He is author of "Road to Salesmanship" (1941) and has contributed articles to business publications. He is further shown as a public speaker on business, economic and social conditions. His home address is shown as 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, and his office as 810 Main Street, Cambridge 39, Massachusetts.

Personnel at the office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for criminal and traffic conviction records within the Commonwealth, advised that they were unable to locate any records identifiable with the names of the Incorporators.

Personnel at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc. advised that they were unable to locate any record for the following Incorporators:

Marian Frobert Welch
Mary M. White
Juliette D. Guild

These records reflected the following on -

1. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts. President and Treasurer of Robert Welch, Inc. (publishers), 385 Concord Avenue, Belmont. Credit favorable.

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2. Ellen Douglas Snow (formerly Gucker). A report dated March 5, 1957 showed her as wife of Stanley Carman Snow, residing at 24 Orchard Street, Belmont, Massachusetts. Her age was 47 and his was 64. He was employed by Lee Higginson Corp., Boston, Massachusetts (investments). Credit favorable. A report dated June 2, 1954 indicated that Ellen Douglas Gucker, 24 Orchard Street, Belmont, Massachusetts was the widow of Alexander Gucker. She was then employed by Robert Welch of Welch Candy Co., 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts regarding his writing and lecturing. Her former addresses were listed as 70 Horace Road, Belmont, and 169 Sycamore Street, Albany, New York. Credit favorable.
3. [redacted] Massachusetts. A report dated March 28, 1947 showed [redacted] Employed by James O. Welch Co., 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for past 12 years. Credit favorable. b6 b7C
4. [redacted] Massachusetts. A report dated October 30, 1958 showed [redacted] of [redacted] Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Credit favorable.

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Gloucester, Massachusetts

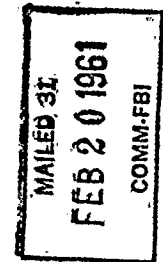
Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter dated February 10, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the functions and responsibilities of the FBI as a Federal investigative agency do not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you, and I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I do feel strongly that citizens can be of aid to their country in combating communism if they alert themselves to its exact nature and prevalence in our society today. I am enclosing publications which offer my suggestions as to how we all can take effective action in this regard. I am unable to further advise you along the lines you mentioned.

With reference to the question you raised concerning chain letters, it is suggested that you may wish to correspond with the Inspector General, Post Office Department, Pennsylvania Avenue between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C.



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I am including in the material forwarded a copy of a statement I made to the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 27, 1947, and you will note on page 17 of this reprint pertinent factors which must be considered if outlawing the Communist Party is being contemplated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)

Statement to House Committee on Un-American Activities, 3-27-47
Three-part Series on Christianity Today
Director's Speech 10-18-60
How To Fight Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose Of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target-Youth

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is an allegedly anti-communist organization with chapters throughout the country. Its head, Robert Welsh, has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past, and the Bureau is conducting inquiries regarding his group.

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Gloucester, Massachusetts
February 10, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

No doubt you are acquainted with the John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts. This group makes sober statements concerning communist infiltration into our government and suggests that Moscow itself has been directing much of our policy through her agents. I think especially of the January 1960 booklet, entitled, "May God Forgive Us". In this the policies of Dean Acheson, among others, are portrayed as sympathetic toward Russia.

Would your findings lead you to believe that infiltration has been that successful? If so, do you believe that an informed public exerting pressure could remedy the situation?

I would also appreciate your advice on my plan of action. Together with a group which I hope to influence, I would request editors of magazines and newspapers to print these revealing facts. Next we would send to all of our acquaintances informative chain letters. I am correct, am I not, that chain letters are legal if money or merchandise is not involved? We would urge the reader to request that the communist party be made illegal and that thorough investigations be made in every area, the federal government, in particular. Finally, I would like to request, if it is wise, that all influential pro-communists be somehow taken out of society for the remainder of the cold-or hot war.

I very much appreciate your attention given to this.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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February 21, 1961

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To: SAC, Boston (100-32899)

From: Director, FBI (62-104401)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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Re Bureau airtel 2-8-61.

Bufiles fail to disclose a reply to re Bureau airtel which was to have been forwarded to reach the Bureau by 2-18-61 without fail. Advise by return airtel if reply has been submitted and, if so, the date and caption thereof.

In the event the reply has not been submitted advise the Bureau when the reply may be expected and furnish explanations from responsible personnel as to why the Bureau deadline of 2-18-61 was not met. You should also include your recommendation for any administrative action deemed warranted.

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Shreveport, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

3/24/86 JPMacneil

Your letter was received on February 15, 1961, and your interest in writing is appreciated.

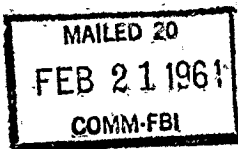
While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have information in our files relative to the organization you mentioned.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Dear JPMacneil



Enclosures (5)

17th National Convention & intro. 3-60 LEB
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Party, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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NOTE (cont.)

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

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[Redacted]
Shreveport, La.
13 Feb. 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

There is an organization in our city called,
The John Birch Society, which has become very active
recently.

If this organization is all that it claims to
be, we would like to help in every way we can to fight
communism. On the other hand, if it is not truly an
American organization, we will do everything we can against
it. How can we be sure? Please be kind enough to let us
have your opinion in this very urgent matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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There is an organization in our city called,
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If this organization is all that it claims to
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Please be kind enough to let us have
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Sincerely, [signature]
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February 20, 1961

Miss [redacted]
Butte, Montana

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Dear Miss [redacted]

3/20/81 *Spencer*

Your letter of February 10, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest, and I am also enclosing the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Enclosures

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Director's speech 10-18-60
One Nation's Response to Communism
17th National Convention CP, USA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Correspondent's enclosure (self-addressed stamped envelope)

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Enclosures were a self-addressed, stamped envelope which could not be utilized in reply and a written application for membership which correspondent apparently copied. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization, formed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We are presently conducting inquiries regarding the organization. Application copy was for John Birch Society.

TRUE COPY

Richey Montana
Feb 10, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I. dept.
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/24/86 BY SP1 MAC/ML

I am writing this letter to you, in hopes that you can give me some information.

The information I seek, concerns a organization that is known as (The John Birch Society) which is located at Belmont 78. Massachusetts. This group claims it is an antiCommunist organization.

The chapter leader in this Vicinity is a man by the name of from Sidney, Mont.

He organizes members in units or groups of 8 members each. No more, no less. The names of members are kept in secret files, and will not be known to other persons.

Mr. talked to a group of about 75 people here in Richey, Mont on Feb 7th. He showed films. pamphtes, books etc.

Mr. opened the meeting, by stating that the Organization he represented is anti Communist. That the United States is not a democracy but a republic He then said, that people had accused him of be anti America, and that people should realize he certainly was not.

The films he showed, were about the start of Communism How they Organized, How they work and infiltrate America which was true and authentic. Also showed reports on U. S. House of Rep. Committee unAmerican Activities. Then the film showed parts of the German, Jap. and Korea War, and its many dead American soldiers. and how Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and General George Marshall were responsible for those American boys death, and the War. R

He then went on to say that the Constitution had lost its power, also that the Supreme Court, and other Courts of our land, are not dependable, That they have released hundreds of indicted anti American people. Communists and Criminals. That the courts and people were responsible for Thomas Deweys death.

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Then Mr [] in the next breath, said people should be aware, that there is a move on to oust our supreme Court, starting with the impeachment of Earl Warren (Justice) He also stated that the Communists have a direct line to the White House, Pentagon, and that they can Communicate with thousands of Communists in a matter of minutes. Mr [] quoted you often to emphasize his point.

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The reaction of the people that attended this meeting was varied. Some left very confused, Others thought it was good. and still others left, as he was Very Anti Catholic, claiming Catholics were responsible for many Unamerican things.

It seems to me he was trying to Create Confusion, and doubt. Am I unduly alarmed? Or is the society alright, and is it that it is just Mr [] that is Creating trouble. Thank-you. I would appreciate your reply

Yours truly

/s/

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Rickey Montague
Feb 10, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I. Dept.
Washington D. C.

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U.S. House of Rep. Committee un-American Activities.

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Then Mrs [] in the next breath, said people should be aware, that there is a move on to oust our Supreme Court, starting with the impeachment of Earl Warren (Justice). He also stated that the Communists have a direct line to the White House & Pentagon, and that they can communicate with thousands of Communists in a matter of minutes.

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Thank you. I would appreciate your reply
Yours truly
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Application for membership
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Application for Membership

The John Birch Society
Belmont 78, Mass.

Gentlemen

This is my application for membership
in the _____ Chapter of the John
Birch Society, for one year from
this date, and for automatic renewal
each year thereafter, unless I
resign in writing. I understand
the dues schedule printed on the
back of this sheet is applicable
to myself

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If my application is accepted, I agree
that my membership may be revoked
at any time, by a duly appointed officer
of the society, without the reason
being stated, on refund of the pro
rata part of my dues paid in advance

Sincerely

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

Dues received _____

Application approved

By _____

Title _____

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Dues schedule

Lif membership in the Home Chapter
(which automatically covers membership in any local Chapter) for men or woman \$1,000.00

(This may be paid in two consecutive annual installments of \$500.00 each)

Regular annual membership.

in the Home Chapter For men \$24.00

For Women 12.00

(This may be paid as \$2.00 per mo. for men, and 1.00 per month for women, to the local Chapter Leader).

If any member wishes to pay larger dues to support the Society's work (or to make contributions for the purpose) such dues or contributions may also be split into monthly installments if desired.

(Applications for membership in local Chapters should be approved by the Chapter Leader. Applications for membership in the Home Chapter will be approved by the Home office.)

1 - Mr. Simpson

February 17, 1961

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Wapato, Washington

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J. P. [unclear] info.

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

I have received your letter dated February 9, 1961, and your interest in communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of information in our files to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government.

I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you have requested; however, you should not infer that we do or do not have such information in our files.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires whether the John Birch Society is a pro-American organization and whether showing the films "Operation Abolition" and "Communism on the Map" plays into the hands of the communists. She also asks if it is true that Mrs. A. Jegalova is the Chief of the Secondary Education Division of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) and if it is true she was the former Chief of the Inspection Division of the Soviet Ministry of Education and is a Russian communist. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anti-communist group with chapters throughout the United States. It has in the past been extremely critical of former President Eisenhower.

"Operation Abolition" is the film distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities relating to the riots at the hearings in San Francisco in May, 1960. We follow the policy of not commenting on this film.

The film "Communism on the Map" was prepared by the National Education Program at Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas. Dr. George S. Benson, who is on the Bureau's Special Correspondents' List and on whom we have no derogatory information, is President of the National Education Program. The Bureau has borrowed this film from the Navy and it was reviewed by us on December 23, 1960. The Bureau does not believe this is the type of material which should be used or endorsed by the FBI.

On the basis of information furnished, Mrs. A. Jegalova cannot be identified in Bufiles. There is no allegation that she is in the United States and it should be noted that the headquarters of UNESCO is in Paris, France.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
3. "America - Freedom's Champion."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
5. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

February 9, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am in need of answers to several questions of great importance to me, and many friends. It is difficult in this day to know the right person to whom one should turn. We feel your answers will be unbiased and in the best interests of our country.

My questions:

1. We are interested in the John Birch Society. Is this, in your opinion, a truly pro-American society?
2. Is it true that the chief of the secondary education division of UNESCO of the United Nations is Mrs. A. Jegalova? Is it true she was the former chief of the Inspection Division of the Soviet Ministry of Education, and that she is a Russian Communist?
3. Have you viewed the film "Communism on the Map" and "Operation Abolition"? Is it true we are 'playing into the hands of the Communists' by showing these films, as many 'intellectuals' would have us believe?

I have not previously written to a government official of high office, other than my congresswoman, and perhaps the format of this letter is not appropriate, however the desire for honest answers is quite sincere.

Please accept my gratitude for your consideration of these problems.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Wapato, Washington

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Date: 2/23/61 *AB/epd*Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-32899) *Baumgardner*THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Please refer to Boston letter 2/17/61 entitled as above which enclosed to the Bureau a letterhead memorandum entitled, "The John Birch Society, Inc." and also a letterhead memorandum entitled, "American Opinion," a publication of Robert Welch, Inc., for possible dissemination by the Bureau.*cc destroyed*
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Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. Rampton

SAC, Seattle (100-6235)

March 2, 1961

62-104401-675
Director, FBI (100-146964)

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN -
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Re Seattle airtels 1-13-61, 2-6-61 and Seattle letter dated 2-20-61 captioned "Robert A. Welch, Jr., Information Concerning, (Internal Security), The John Birch Society."

A review of referenced material indicates that the Seattle Office was in a position to institute counter-intelligence measures during the visit of Richard Morford in the territory covered by the Seattle Office. It is noted in Seattle letter dated 2-20-61 relative to the activities of the John Birch Society in the vicinity of Bellingham, Washington, that the managing editor of the "Bellingham Herald" is characterized as very cooperative with the Seattle Office. It is obvious that such a relationship could have been effectively used in connection with a counterintelligence proposal if Seattle had been alert to this possibility.

You are instructed to use a greater degree of alertness in the future in order that such opportunities will be fully explored and utilized.

1 - Seattle (100-24754)

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-10441) ?

DATE: 2/20/61

FROM :

SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT:

ROBERT A. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Re Seattle letter 1/23/61 relative to activities of The John Birch Society in the vicinity of Bellingham, Washington.

MEMBER

On 2/3/61 RICHARD MORFORD of the National Council For American-Soviet Friendship, was the principal speaker at a meeting in Bellingham, Washington, sponsored by the Aftermath Club. On the morning of 2/3/61, our Resident Agent at Bellingham was contacted by LEE ADAMSON, Organizer for a local chapter of The John Birch Society, who advised that he and a group of local citizens, presumably members of The John Birch Society, were going to attend the meeting at which MORFORD was scheduled to speak. ADAMSON asked if the FBI had any suggestions as to what his group might do at the meeting, or should refrain from doing. He was, of course, informed that we would make no comments or suggestions regarding such a question.

Subsequent to this meeting of the Aftermath Club, informants and sources have told us that the group led by ADAMSON was equal or greater in number than the pro-Communist adherents and that ADAMSON's group succeeded in dominating the question-and-answer period after MORFORD's speech. Informants have also told us that members of ADAMSON's group were observed outside the building where the meeting was held, apparently recording the identity of persons and/or the automobile license numbers of individuals who attended the meeting.

- ② - Bureau (REG)
- 1 - Seattle

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In this same regard, the Managing Editor of the "Bellingham Herald," a local newspaper of general circulation, advised that he has received correspondence from members of The John Birch Society subsequent to the MORFORD speech on 2/3/61 criticizing the Herald for not covering this speech. The Managing Editor has stated that the correspondence he received from members of The John Birch Society has taken the attitude that the Herald did the community a disservice in failing to alert the people to the Communist implications of MORFORD's appearance. The Managing Editor, who is very cooperative with this office, explained that his attitude has always been that the FBI is capable of dealing with the Communists and he feels that any activist citizen groups might be more of a hindrance than a help in the fight against Communists.

This is being furnished to the Bureau for the purpose of indicating the extent of the activities of The John Birch Society in the vicinity of Bellingham, Washington.

1 - Mr. Parsons
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

February 8, 1961

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To: SAC, Boston (100-32899)

From: Director, FBI (62-104401)

**THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)**

Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning The John Birch Society (JBS) and its founder, Robert H. Welch, Jr.

You are instructed to check appropriate established sources and records to determine the facts concerning the incorporation of JBS, its incorporators, its aims and purposes, its financial position, its credit rating and the number of chapters it has throughout the country. You should determine sufficient background data concerning the incorporators in order that they can be readily identifiable in the files of your office and the Bureau. You should furnish a summary of the information in your files concerning each incorporator.

You are also to determine background data concerning the formation or incorporation of "American Opinion," which is published by Welch in Belmont, Massachusetts, its financial standing, its credit rating, the size of its circulation and the manner in which it is distributed throughout the country.

The above is to be handled in such a manner that no one will get the impression we are investigating Welch, JBS or "American Opinion." This matter is to receive expeditious attention. The desired data should be forwarded to reach the Bureau by 2/18/61 without fail.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

See memo Baumgardner to Belmont dated 2-7-61 and captioned "John Birch Society, Information Concerning, (Internal Security)." JHK:mar

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Westminster Presbyterian Church
Post Office Box 8015
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

3/24/86 J. Macmillan

Your letter of February 14, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

The film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, I cannot, therefore, make any recommendation with respect to it. May I suggest that you consider directing your inquiry to the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C. Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures

Director's 10-18-60 speech

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention

One Nation's Response to Communism

Communist Target--Youth

Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Enclosure was a copy of an article which appeared in the "Chicago Daily News," 1-30-61, entitled "The Wrong Way to Fight Reds." The article contains background information concerning the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2525 Wimberly Road

P. O. Box 8015

AMARILLO, TEXAS

WILLIAM E. EVERHEART
Minister
Fleetwood 6-2411

BOB MUNCY
Director of Christian Education
Fleetwood 6-5174

February 14, 1961

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
9th and Pennsylvania
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am seeking information about the John Birch Society. Having great confidence in your judgment I will appreciate your evaluation. The enclosure has raised some serious question in my mind, and I am desirous of the opinion of one who may have the true facts.

I would also like to ask if you have information which would shed light on the charge which has appeared in print that the film "Operation Abolition" has been doctored and distorted by the House Un-American Activities Committee in order to prolong its life as a committee.

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Cordially,

WEE:dg

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CORRESPONDENCE

THE WRONG WAY TO FIGHT REDS

Birch Society Is Recruiting

By

Jack Mabley

The John Birch Society is going to Chicago area churches, chambers of commerce and civic organization, to recruit members.

"Come, join us in the fight against Communists," members plead.

Inasmuch as 99.9999 percent of us are anti-Communist, they obviously have something to sell. But the conscientious citizens ask, "Is this the best way to fight communism? What is the John Birch Society?"

Since I am asked this often, because I wrote two columns about it last July, I will tell what I know about the society.

GROUP FOUNDED IN INDIANAPOLIS

It was founded in Indianapolis in 1958 by a group of businessmen led by Robert Welch, a former candy manufacturer of Boston.

Welch, by his own words, is the absolute boss of the society, which was named after a U.S. Army Captain murdered by Chinese Reds.

This organization must be run by a "hard-boiled, dictatorial and dynamic boss," says Welch, and he is it.

Welch has written a privately printed book called "The Politican." It was circulated only among the top, trusted leaders of the John Birch Society.

It is impossible for an ordinary member to see a copy of the book, or even get acknowledgment that it exists. I have read it, and will vouch that it exists.

In the book, Welch calls Dwight D. Eisenhower a traitor and a Communist.

He says that John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Chief Justice Earl Warren and former defense secretary Neil McElroy and most of the leaders of the Eisenhower administration, are or were part of a Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

SOME EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK

This is from Welch's book: "While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct."

"But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

He says of Mr. Eisenhower: ". . .there is only one possible word to describe his purpose and actions. That word is treason."

We reprint these words only because they are totally idiotic and because people who are asked to follow Welch are not aware of what really is in his mind.

The Communist threat in this country is real enough. The country needs the energy and interest of every citizen who will work to counteract the Communist evil.

But the unbelievable irresponsibility espoused secretly by Welch can bring only scorn and harm to real anti-Communist work.

SAC, Oklahoma City

1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

February 24, 1961

Director, FBI (62-104401) *678*

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurlet 2-20-61.

It is noted that the status of relet was listed as pending. Inasmuch as the John Birch Society has not been investigated by the Bureau nor is under investigation at the present time this matter should not be kept in a pending status. Accordingly the status of relet has been changed to closed at the Bureau and you are instructed to do likewise.

1 - El Paso

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/20/61

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-new)

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/26/81 BY SpMae/ie

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

REC-35

Re SAC Letter 60-5, Section C, dated 1/26/60.

On 2/15/61, Mr. [redacted] Engineer, First National Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, telephonically advised SA [redacted] that he had attended an organizational meeting of the above-captioned society on 2/14/61 in Oklahoma City. He stated the meeting was conducted by a member of the organizing council of the society who stated he was from Odessa, Texas.

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Mr. [redacted] advised that The John Birch Society claims to be an organization interested in combating Communism through educational programs and by urging members to write their Congressmen to support legislation considered to be helpful in the fight against Communism.

Mr. [redacted] advised that the organization appeared to be pro-American in every respect but he wanted to check with the FBI to ascertain if the organization had been cited by the Government as a subversive organization. He was advised of the confidential nature of FBI files and was referred to the Department of Justice for information concerning organizations cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Any additional information received by this office concerning the formation and activity of this organization will be furnished to the Bureau. No investigation is being conducted by this office.

One copy of this letter is being furnished to the El Paso Office for information inasmuch as it appears the organizer of the Oklahoma City chapter of this organization resides in Odessa, Texas, or possibly organized a chapter of The John Birch Society in Odessa.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 2/23/61

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9455)

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SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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On 1/25/61, Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] Kerrville, Texas, employed with the [redacted]
[redacted], Kerrville, advised that recently he had been
invited to the home of [redacted]
[redacted] Kerrville, to attend the showing of a five-reel
movie. He stated that this movie concerned The John Birch
Society, and the entire showing consisted of a talk by
the organizer of this Society on how it operated. He
said the Society appeared to have been organized in
Boston, Massachusetts, by a man named JOHN or JOSEPH
WELSH (ph.).

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[redacted] said WELSH (ph.) explained the menace of
Communism and that the purpose of the Society was to combat
Communism through the use of the "cell" system. WELSH (ph.)
explained there would be 20 members to a "cell" and if
more than 20 people joined in a community, additional
"cells" would be organized. He said the members were
required to read approximately 100 books, publications,
and articles dealing with the menace of Communism, and
one of the books mentioned as required reading was Masters
of Deceit by J. EDGAR HOOVER. He said that WELSH explained
that members would be required to adhere strictly to the
instructions given them in their work in this Society and,
if not, they would be subjected to being expelled.

[redacted] said he believed the purpose of the
Society was probably very good, but he objected to the
dictatorial way in which the society operated and, therefore,
was hesitant about joining such a group.

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The indices of the San Antonio Office fail to contain any information identifiable with [redacted]
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The San Antonio Office is in receipt of a summary of information which is classified ~~Confidential~~, which was prepared by Region I, 112th CIC Group, San Antonio, Texas, dated 1/30/61, entitled JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. This summary states in part as follows: *S-1 (u)*

MEMBER- SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On 19 January 1961, [redacted] Captain (MC), [redacted] Pediatric Clinic, Brooke General Hospital (BGH), Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), Fort Sam Houston, Texas (FSHT), with residence at [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, was interviewed in his office concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. [redacted] stated that he was a member of this organization and was active in recruiting members among the officer personnel of FSHT. He added that he had contacted personnel in the Security and Intelligence Division of BAMC, FSHT; in order to interest them in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He denied that the organization was a political movement but insisted that the primary aim of the membership was to combat the spread of Communism in the United States. [redacted] stated that originally he and his friends formed a discussion group and then searched for some worthy cause to sponsor, eventually joining the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He claimed that this unit of the SOCIETY now had approximately forty (40) members but they planned to split into two separate units. [redacted] claimed that there were several groups already organized in Texas and mentioned Dallas and Austin as examples. He added that there were other units already in existence in San Antonio. [redacted] is anxious to organize all anti-communists and stated that membership is open to all who want to fight communism, but did admit that the other objectives of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY are to uphold State's Rights, demand less governmental control and to return the government to individual citizens. He explained that the principal aim of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is to prevent the establishment of a socialistic state in the United States because socialism is only one step away from communism. *S-1 (u)*

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[] stated that he has been a member of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY for two months; that the group holds meetings once a month and that the membership dues amount to two dollars per month. The group has a definite program to fight communism and engages in letter writing campaigns to warn of the spread of communism. As examples of the work being done by the SOCIETY, [] offered the following: On 14 January 1961, the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade held a mass meeting at the North Star Mall in San Antonio, Texas, to protest against the spread of communism. This group was led by one of the leaders (name unknown) of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. A nationwide letter campaign was recently concluded which allegedly influenced Representative JAMES ROOSEVELT, of California, in deciding against introducing legislation in Congress which would abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. During this campaign, ROOSEVELT was warned that if he introduced this legislation, he would be a prime target of the SOCIETY in the next congressional campaign. The current objective of the SOCIETY is to lead the fight for the impeachment of Chief Justice EARL WARREN who is considered by the SOCIETY to be a communist sympathizer. CALIF.
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[] stated that the next meeting of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY would be on the night of 19 January 1961, at the auditorium of the St. Peter's Church located at 120 Arcadia, San Antonio, Texas. He added that at this meeting a guest speaker, Mr. [] Odessa, Texas, would be presented. Mr. [] will explain the aims of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and movies about the organization will also be shown. [] stated that he had asked several officers from FSHT to attend the meeting. S1 (U)

SPEAKER AT MEETING OF

According to [] the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was formed by ROBERT H. WELCH, Belmont, Massachusetts. It was named after JOHN BIRCH, a US Army Captain and son of a Methodist Minister, who was killed in China in 1946 because of his opposition to the so-called "Agrarian Reformers." He was one of the first to realize that these reformers were communists and reported this to the U. S. States. S1 (U)

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Department. However, his report was ignored and his subsequent murder was covered up. [] believes he was killed because of his report to the State Department and that the incident was covered up by communists in that agency. S' (u)

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[] explained that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY publishes a magazine American Opinion and intends to print the names of all known communists and communist sympathizers in the United States. [] estimated that there were approximately 120 communists in San Antonio, Texas, but did not know any of them by name. He insisted that it was time that the average person took active interest in the fight against communism and stopped leaving it up to the Federal Government. [] repeated that he believed strongly in individual action. S' (u)

Not True.
It is
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by Robert
Weber
who also
founded JBS,
but there is
no indication
it is the
official publication
or published by JBS.
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62-104421-680

February 23, 1961

Mr. [REDACTED]
McCollister Optical Dispensary
1601 Foster Street
Lake Charles, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

3/22/86 Spmacm x2

Your letter postmarked February 11, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

I wish to point out that the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not make evaluations or draw conclusions regarding organizations. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry. I am unable to offer a source where you could obtain the information you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signatures and initials:
W. J. Jones
D. J. Jones
H. A. Jones
etc.

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COMM-FBI

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Correspondent's name could not be verified in telephone directory. It appears from correspondent's first paragraph that he has read a letter from the Director to some other individual concerning the John Birch Society, and for this reason the entire "files evaluations acknowledgement" is not being given. The John Birch Society, an anticommunist group was formed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration.

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McCOLLISTER OPTICAL DISPENSARY
1601 FOSTER STREET
LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

2-10-61

PHONE HE 3-3231

Sir:

I realize the responsibilities of the F. B. I. does not extend to furnishing the character or integrity of organizations. But how does an individual find out whether or not an organization is subversive. The organization in question is The John Birch Society.

It has been highly praised as an anti-communist organization by people of respectable position. Will you please let me know how this organization stands in your records. I do not intend to do anything until I hear from you.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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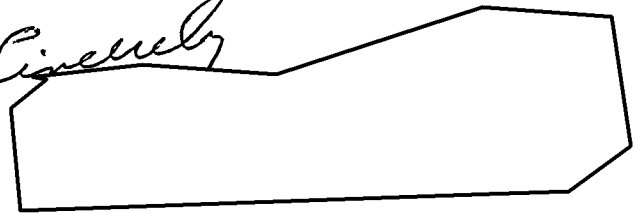
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CORRESPONDENCE

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February 23, 1961

Mr. [REDACTED]
104 East Third
Dalhart, Texas

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

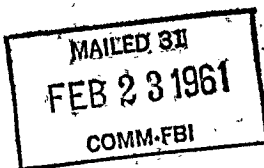
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Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,



Handwritten signatures and initials:
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Enclosures (7)

17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Christianity Today series
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response To Communism
Director's speech of 10-18-60

Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Letter to Mr. [REDACTED]

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LAW OFFICES
RICHARDS & FERGUSON
104 EAST THIRD
DALHART, TEXAS

B. N. RICHARDS (1883-1954)
FLOYD H. RICHARDS
ROBERT C. FERGUSON

February 17, 1961

P. O. BOX 1328
TELEPHONE CH 9-2351

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Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

W. DeLoach

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The John Burch Society has recently come to my attention in our community. A film presentation of a lecture by its founder, Mr. Welch, has been shown depicting the reality of the communist influence in this country. Recognizing that communistic influences work in devious ways, I would appreciate having your opinion as to the John Burch Society and its founder, Mr. Welch, so that I may make a decision as to whether I would consider becoming a part of its program.

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Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature Box]

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD 132045

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC., SM-C. REMYLET, FEBRUARY 10, LAST.
 DISREGARD LETTER AS ADDITIONAL LETTER BEING SUBMITTED THIS
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Midland, Texas

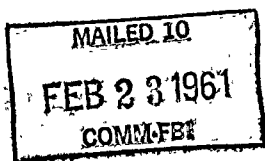
Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter of February 15, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Midland, Texas

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Dear sir:

I have become interested in the ⁰John Birch Society, and would like to know if it is the conservative, pro-American organization that it seems to be. Before joining, I must be completely sure that it is in no way connected with communism. If there is the slightest doubt of its sincerity, I should like to know.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mrs. 

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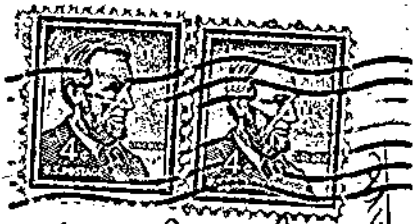
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Air Mail

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

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3. MIDLAND, TEXAS

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I thank you for your
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February 24, 1961

Mr. [REDACTED]
Montgomery Brokerage Company
Post Office Box 7302
Shreveport, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on February 17, 1961, and I want to thank you for your kind comments about the work of this Bureau.

The concern you expressed in helping in the fight which is raging between communism and our American freedoms typifies that received from many citizens, and I am enclosing some material which may be of aid to you.

I regret that I cannot be of further assistance to you with regard to your inquiry; however, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
P. O. BOX 4534 FONDREN STATION
Fleetwood 5-9621
Telephones: LD Fleetwood 5-5555 (S-S)

MONTGOMERY BROKERAGE COMPANY

200 MILAM STREET

P. O. BOX 7302

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

FEB. 15, 1961

Telephones: 3-6227 - 3-6228
LD 3-1107 (S-S)

Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

THERE ARE MANY PATRIOTIC GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS SPRINGING UP ALL OVER AMERICA. AS AMERICANS EVERYWHERE BEGIN TO REALIZE THE REAL DANGERS WE FACE THEY NATURALLY WANT TO JOIN SUCH ORGANIZATIONS.

I BELIEVE MANY OF THESE GROUPS ARE WELL MEANING AND HAVE GOOD CAUSES. STILL OTHERS WANT TO TAKE TIME, MONEY AND EFFORTS AWAY FROM PEOPLE WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE FIND THEIR WAY INTO PATRIOTIC GROUPS THAT ARE REALLY ACCOMPLISHING SOMETHING TOWARDS FIGHTING THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY.

I WANT TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN A CONCERTED EFFORT TO DEFEAT COMMUNISM. BUT I WANT TO MAKE MY EFFORTS COUNT, FOR TIME IS SHORT.

ONE GROUP BEGINNING TO GATHER A REAL HEAD OF STEAM HERE IN THE SHREVEPORT AREA IS THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY OF BELMONT 78, MASSACHUSETTS. MR. ROBERT WELCH IS FOUNDER AND LEADER OF THE SOCIETY. ALL THE FACTS THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN ME ABOUT THE SOCIETY HAVE BEEN VERY FAVORABLE.

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT TO GIVE ME ANY INFORMATION ON THE SOCIETY? IN THIS DAY WHEN AMERICANS CANNOT TELL IF WHITE IS REALLY WHITE, OR PINK IS REALLY RED, THANK GOD WE STILL HAVE A FEW PEOPLE IN WHICH WE CAN TRUST AND HAVE FAITH. YOU ARE ONE OF THESE FEW.

YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE REQUEST, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WILL BE APPRECIATED VERY MUCH.

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Mr. DeLoach

February 27, 1961

M. A. Jones

MR. SHIRLEY PALMER - BALL
146 SAINT MATTHEWS AVENUE
LOUISVILLE 7, KENTUCKY
INQUIRY RE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On the morning of February 24, 1961, above-named individual called the Bureau from Louisville, Kentucky, and was referred to SA Thomas F. Mitchell of the Crime Research Section. Mr. Palmer - Ball identified himself as Vice-President of the Palmer Asbestos and Rubber Corporation in Louisville and a volunteer coordinator in the Louisville area for the John Birch Society.

Mr. Palmer - Ball advised that recently the Louisville Courier-Journal ran an article "smearing" the society. He said that last Sunday the newspaper, over its radio station in Louisville, WHAS, continued what appears to be a definite attack on the society by presenting a radio program entitled, "Moral Side of the News." Guests on this program were four ministers of the Louisville area who attacked the society stating that it was a fascist organization and could be compared with the Hitler movement.

Mr. Palmer - Ball further stated that he feels the society itself could withstand such a smear attack, but he is anxious to launch a counter offense on behalf of the society in order to protect the individuals working for the society in Louisville. In connection with his counterattack, Mr. Palmer - Ball stated he planned on using the facilities of the weekly newspaper, "Voice of Saint Matthews," published in Saint Matthews, Kentucky, with a circulation of about 6,000.

Mr. Palmer - Ball requested that the Director, if possible, send him a letter setting forth his knowledge of the John Birch Society and its aims. He added that if the Director could not furnish him such a letter, he would appreciate any suggestions the FBI might make as to how such a smear attack could be fought.

1 - Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: Mr. Shirley Palmer - Ball

There is no record in Bureau files identifiable with this individual. The John Birch Society has been the subject of numerous inquiries received at the Bureau. Founded by Mr. Robert Welch, of Belmont, Mass., it is allegedly an anti-communist organization, but Welch has stated that it might take on the appearance of the "front" in order to attract true subversives. Welch has been openly critical of former President Eisenhower, and in his book, "The Politician" in a vicious attack on Eisenhower, he accused the President of being a dupe of the communists.

Mr. Palmer - Ball was advised that the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. The Director, therefore, would be unable to help but that no inference should be drawn from this fact either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding this society.

Domestic Intelligence Division advised that early in February on the Director's instructions a limited inquiry was initiated into the John Birch Society. Boston has been instructed to obtain from established sources information concerning the corporation, its officials, and sources of income.

With regard to the Louisville Courier-Journal our relations with this paper have been very spotty with both favorable and unfavorable editorials. In December, 1958, they were extremely critical of the Director's response to unfavorable criticism. At that time they ran a scandalous cartoon with the caption, "Thou shalt not criticize the FBI."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Evanston, Illinois

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Dear Mr. 

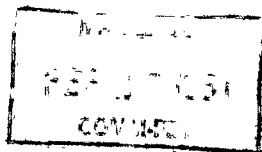
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John McNamee

Your letter was received on February 20, 1961, and I am pleased to know of your interest in learning more about the communist menace. Enclosed is material which may be of aid to you. You will notice that some of these reprints give suggestions regarding what citizens can do to help in the struggle raging between communism and our form of government.

I regret that I cannot be of further assistance since the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the organization you mentioned.

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Bureau material has been made available to Dr. Frederick C. Schwarz and others affiliated with the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. Sullivan to Belmont memo of 9-22-60 indicates that when a representative of the Bureau spoke before the Dallas Freedom Forum in September (which sponsored a school on communism at that time directed by Dr. Schwarz,) the Agent commented that Schwarz made several "pitches" for articles in a book he had written on communism and his publications were displayed. Neither he nor his organization has been investigated by the Bureau.

February 16, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Because of the tremendous strides Communism is making, in line with its boastful threats to our country, we are immensely interested to know what we can do to sanely further the cause of freedom and the preservation of our republic.

○ We have recently been introduced to several groups, among them the John Birch Society, which purports to be anti-Communist, and to all appearances seems to be such. However, their accusations regarding a large number of public officials seems possibly exaggerated.

The groups' suggested reading, which we have done, includes Dr. Schwarz' Staff Consultation with the House Unamerican Activities Committee dated Wed., May 29, 1957, Report of American Bar Association Special Committee on Communist Tactics, Strategy, and Objectives published by American Opinion, Belmont 78, Mass., and other similar pamphlets. We are wondering if we are following the right course.

// Have you any suggestions as to what groups might be loyal, certainly not fanatical, and of course not "counter" anti-Communism.

We are exceedingly anxious to do whatever we can to prevent the advancement of the unGodly, inhuman Communistic cause and to enlighten our unwary fellow citizens. Therefore, we would appreciate any information or suggestions whatever regarding what Americans can do for America in these treacherous times.

Respectfully,

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Carthage, Texas

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked February 14, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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February 12, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

Yesterday I heard of a political club called the John Birch Society. The man who told me of this club said that he would be able to get me into this when I needed to.

Do you have any information on this club, who the director is, and whether it is subversive or not? If you have this information, please write and tell me.

Sincerely yours

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February 24, 1961

Mrs. J. H. Mitchell
110 North Goliad
Amarillo, Texas

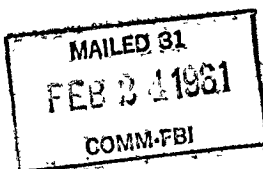
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Dear Mrs. Mitchell: *BORIS*

Your letter was received on February 16, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The concern you expressed typifies that received from many citizens, and I am enclosing some material which may be of aid to you. I cannot be of further assistance, however, since the investigative jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments relative to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that our files do or do not contain data regarding the organization you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

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110 N. Goliad,
Amarillo, Texas,
February 14, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My husband and I have just returned home from a P. T. A. meeting at which a former air force officer spoke on communist infiltration in the various institutions of our society.

We have considered ourselves adequately informed about events which occur but after listening tonight to General Lee, we realized that we, too, are evidently very naive and are failing to recognize the influence which Communism is spreading over us.

One patron asked what all of us could do about these dangers, other than being well-informed. General Lee mentioned the John Birch Society. We are interested yet we know nothing about it. Is this society working in the best interests of our country? Would the time and money invested be of real value or is there some other way in which we could be helpful?

I am a high school teacher and my husband is an engineer in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines, Helium Activity. We are Caucasian, Christians, university graduates, forty-eight years old; have two children, a modest income and a great desire to do something. I'm frightened.

Sincerely,

/s/ Doris Mitchell
(Mrs. J. H.)

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Sincerely,

Doris Mitchell
(Mrs. J.H.)



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Mr J Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I am working to the limit of my capabilities toward helping to make the public aware of the communist menace. I donate my time to this effort, I am a coordinator of the John Birch Society and cooperate with anyone who is genuine in their efforts to help destroy this menace. I have quite a number of your pieces of literature on this subject and want you to know that I feel you to be the only real bulwark that this country has left to fight this thing. You seem to be the one man in the United States who the average American will believe.

I want to buy 2500 copies of a bulletin that you put out on March 1, 1960 "To All Law Enforcement Officials" four pages in all.

I feel that I can do more good with the average American with this one bulletin to get him where he will listen to this problem, than any other single piece that I have. I want to reiterate that I want to buy these, the number is too many to ask for for free.

I am making talks to any groups who will listen, and I am finding many who will listen. I have several planned in the near future and will appreciate it if these or a substantial part may be sent right away.

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Many thanks for your past cooperation, and may God keep you safe and bless you for the work you are doing.

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Yours very truly,

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February 27, 1961

Mr. [redacted]
Holly Smith
117 South Tryon Street
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of February 18, 1961, and your generous expression of confidence in the FBI is indeed appreciated.

Your endeavors to alert the people of your area to the menace of communism are most encouraging. I have always felt that private citizens acting through their civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations, constitute one of the most effective weapons for overcoming the Communist Party.

In response to your request, I am forwarding, under separate cover, at no cost, 2500 copies of the publication you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding [redacted] however, by letter of 1-23-61 reprint material was sent to Mrs. [redacted] who indicated she was a

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover-

Do you have any information about Robert Welch or the John Birch Society? We are quite interested in the fight against Communism and would like to have our small community awakened to just what Communism is & what it can do to our wonderful freedom. We would appreciate any information you can give us about this matter as to whether it could possibly be a front for some subversive organization or not. We don't know how to spot Communism as yet but would like to learn. We are on waiting list for your book "Masters of Deceit"-

Thank you
/s/ Mrs. [redacted]

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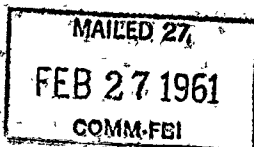
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February 13, 1961
Wichita, Kansas

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Here in Wichita we are being told by the John Birch Society that our churches and schools are being greatly influenced by Communists. We can expect no guidance from the government since it has been thoroughly infiltrated, including the office of the president and the Supreme Court. Your books, pamphlets, and speeches, are quoted freely in the discussion of this menace. Have you endorsed or do you support the John Birch Society as an effective means of opposing communism? I am referring to the John Birch Society established at Indianapolis, Indiana on Dec. 9, 1958 by Robert H. W. Welch of Boston or Belford, Mass.

We will soon elect two new members to our five-man city commission and six new members to our twelve-man Board of Education. The Society has stated they have \$25,000 to spend electing new members of their choosing to the Board of Education. I would appreciate any information you have regarding the objectives, techniques, and reliability of this Society. I will be very grateful if you care to state your position.

Very truly yours,

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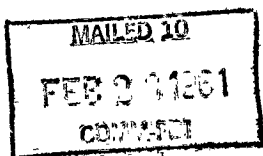
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